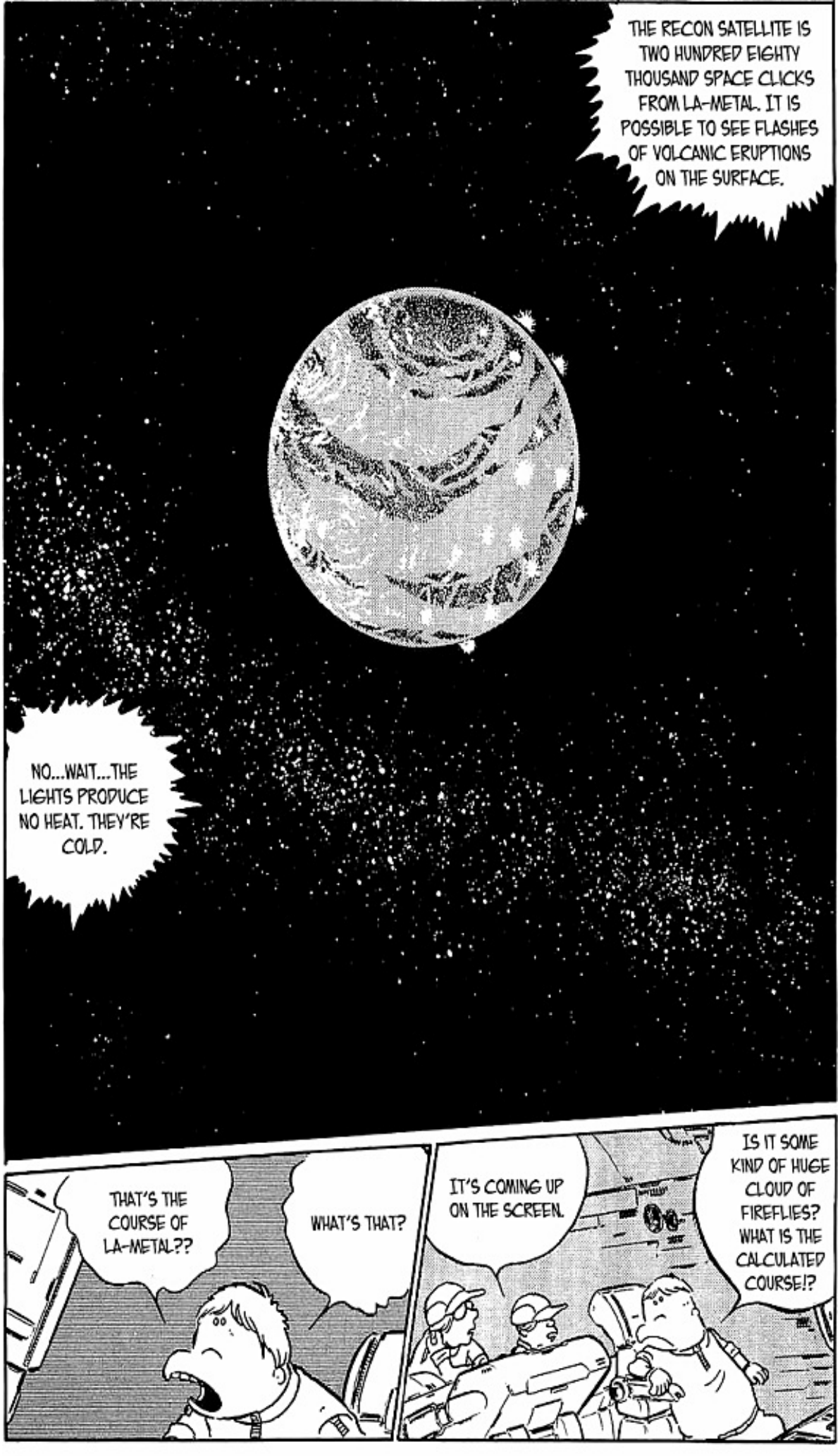
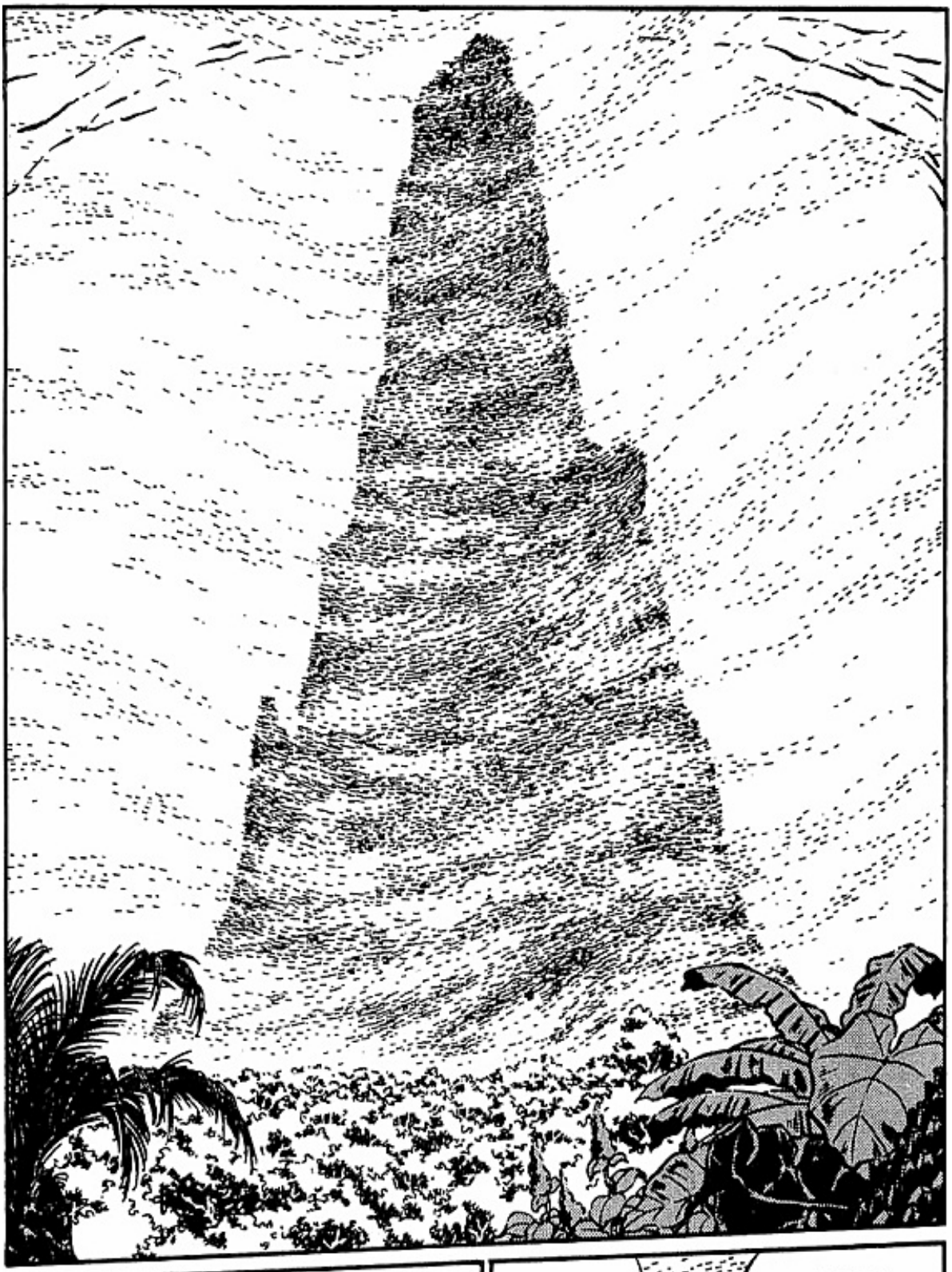
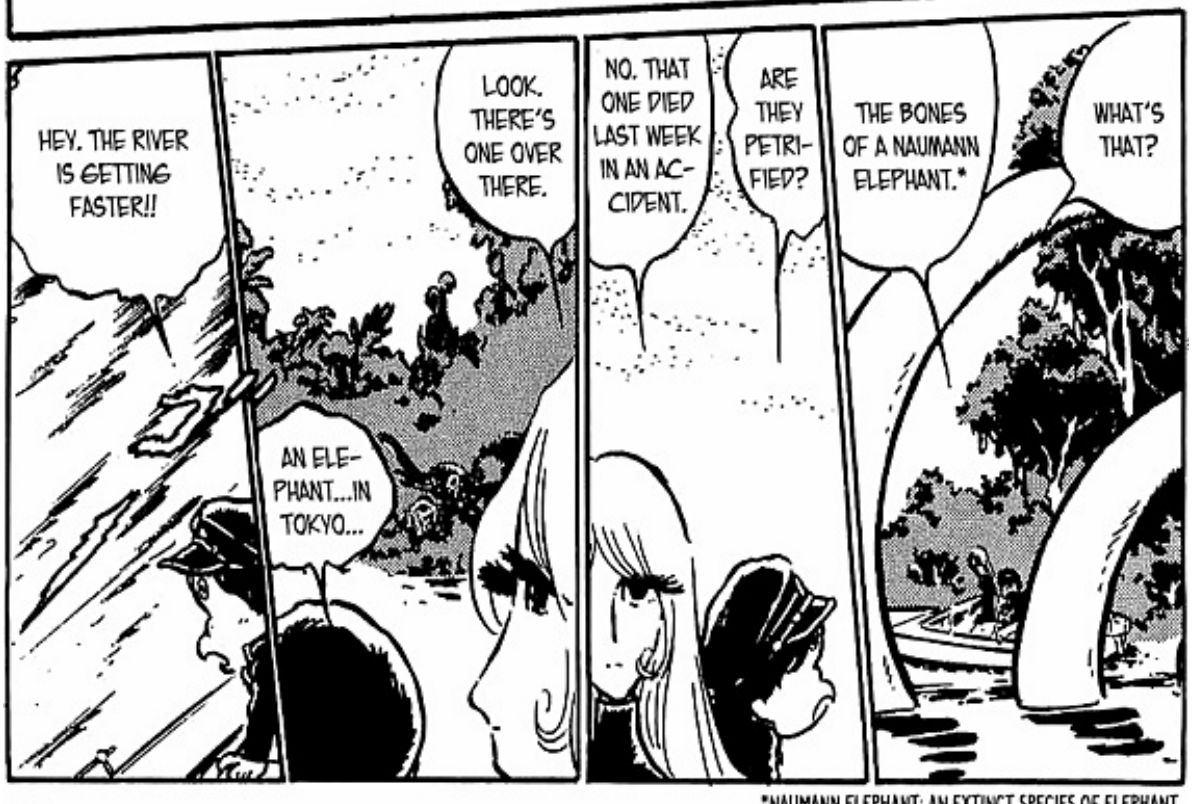
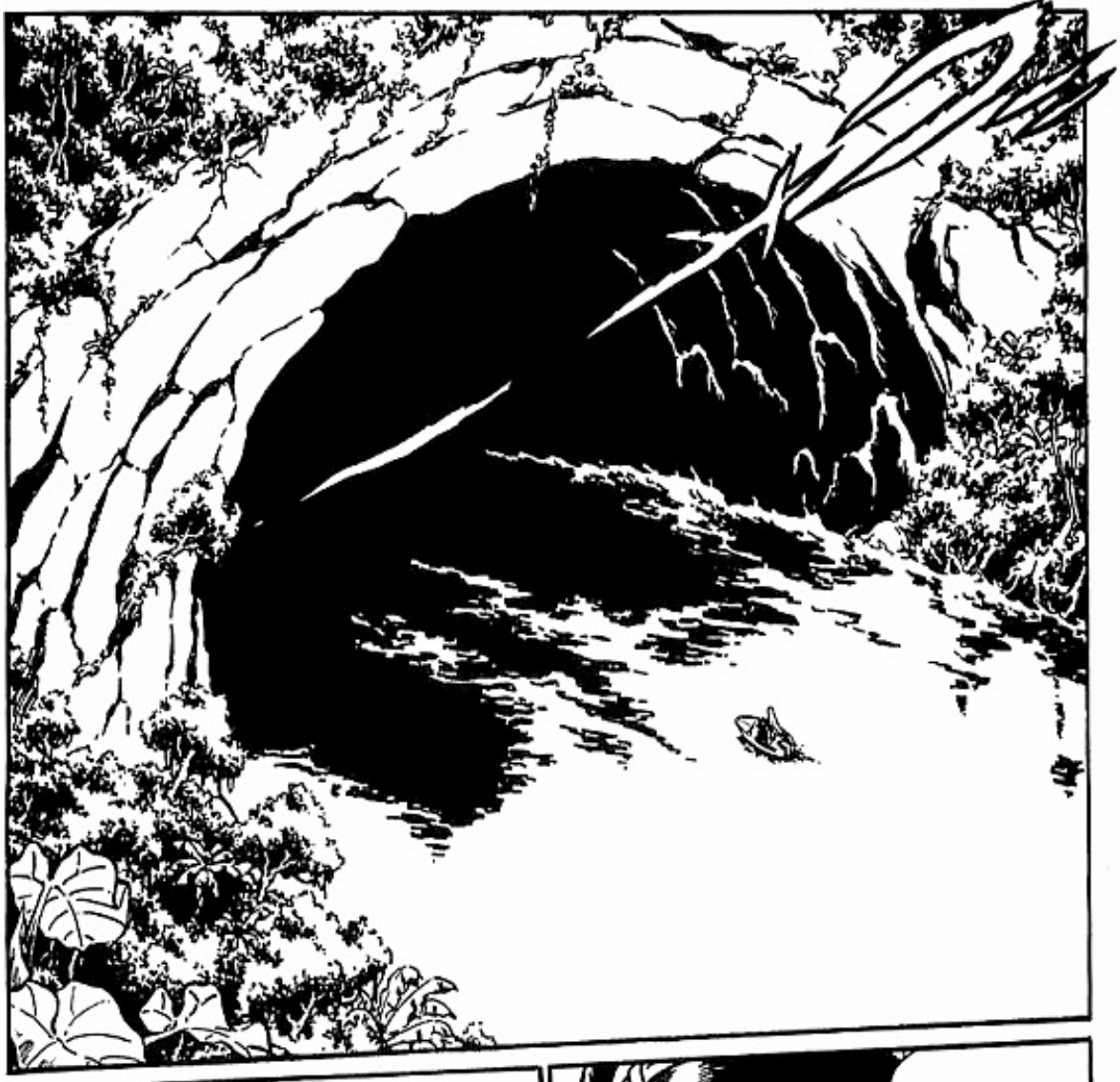

THE RECON SATELLITE IS TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SPACE CLICKS FROM LA-METAL. IT IS POSSIBLE TO SEE FLASHES OF VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS ON THE SURFACE.
NO...WAIT...THE LIGHTS PRODUCE NO HEAT. THEY'RE COLD.
THAT'S THE COURSE OF LA-METAL??
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S COMING UP ON THE SCREEN.
IS IT SOME KIND OF HUGE CLOUD OF FIREFLIES? WHAT IS THE CALCULATED COURSE!?

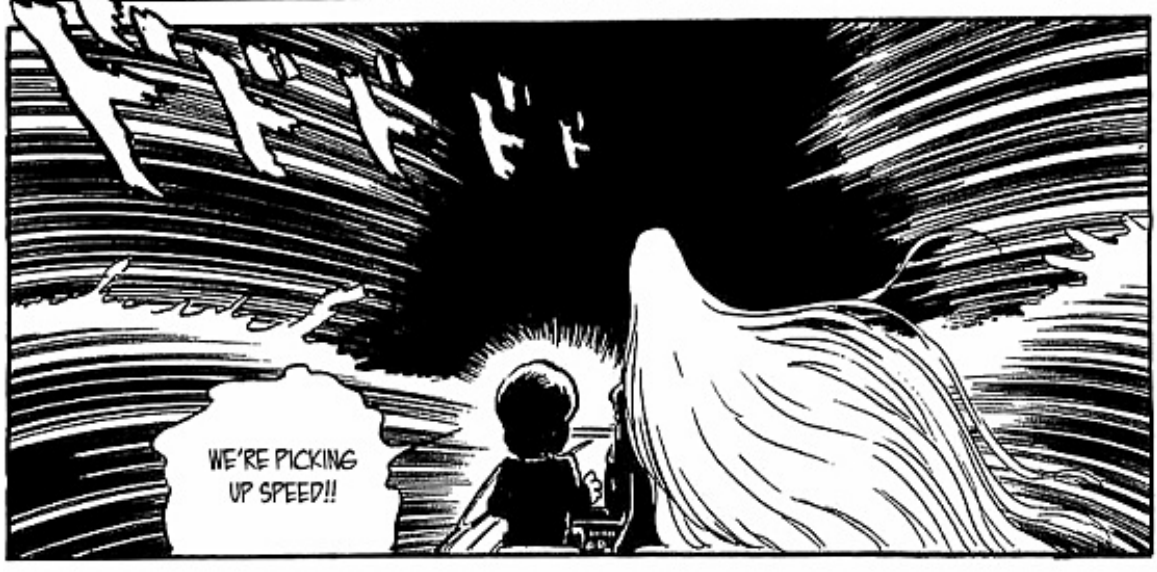

NOW IT EMPTIES BENEATH TOKYO BAY THROUGH UNKNOWN CHANNELS. A RIVER THAT WILL NEVER RETURN.
THIS IS BIG TOKYO RIVER. IT USED TO CUT THROUGH THE KANTO PLAIN AND DRAIN INTO TOKYO BAY.
A MOUNTAIN RIGHT IN THE HEART OF IT.
I'M A BIT SURPRISED SUCH A TALL MOUNTAIN EXISTS INSIDE A CAVERN.

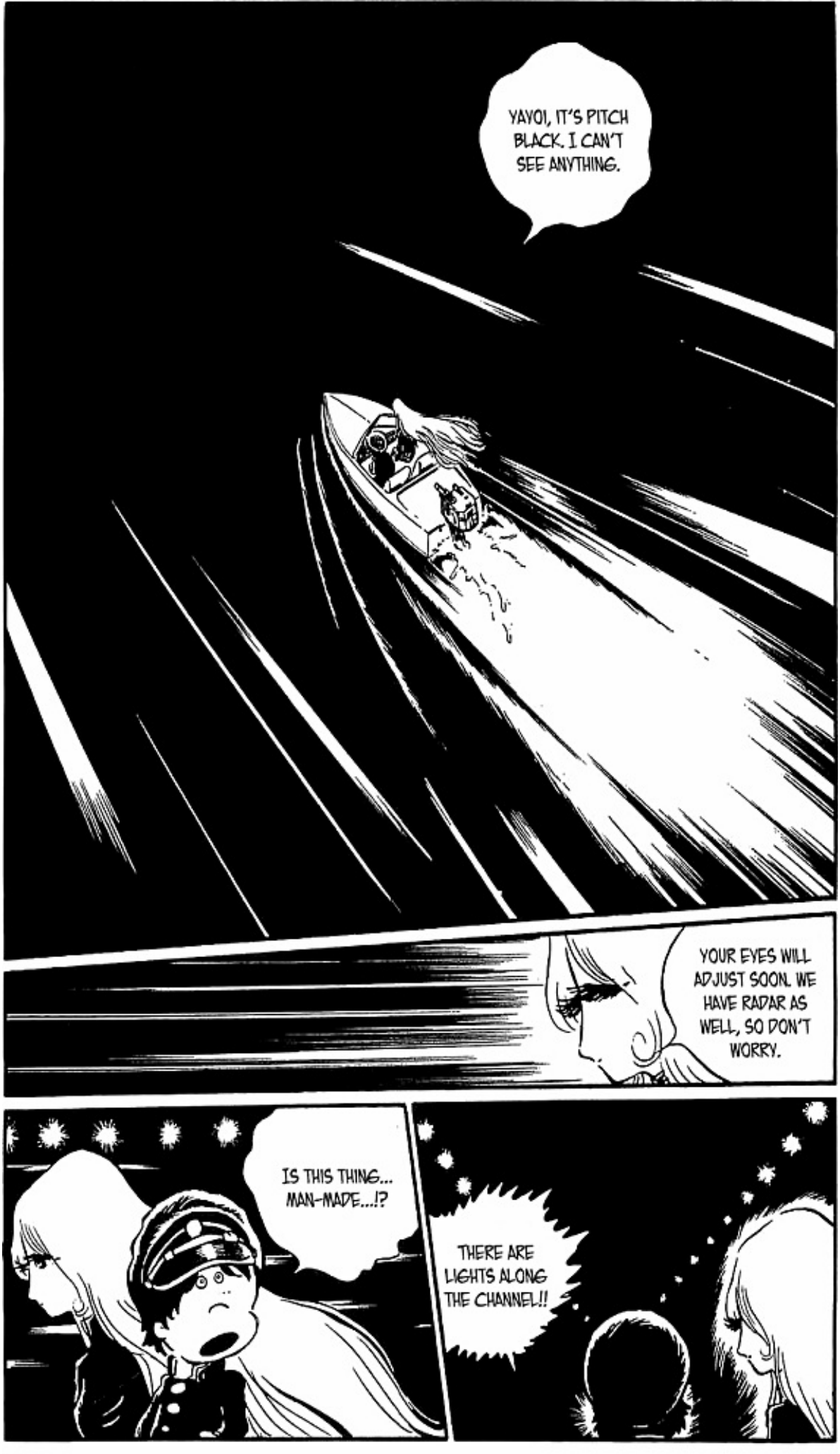

HEY. THE RIVER IS GETTING FASTER!!
LOOK. THERE'S ONE OVER THERE.
AN ELE-PHANT...IN TOKYO...
NO. THAT ONE DIED LAST WEEK IN AN AC-CIDENT.
ARE THEY PETRI-FIED?
THE BONES OF A NAUMANN ELEPHANT.*
WHAT'S THAT?

*NAUMANN ELEPHANT: AN EXTINCT SPECIES OF ELEPHANT

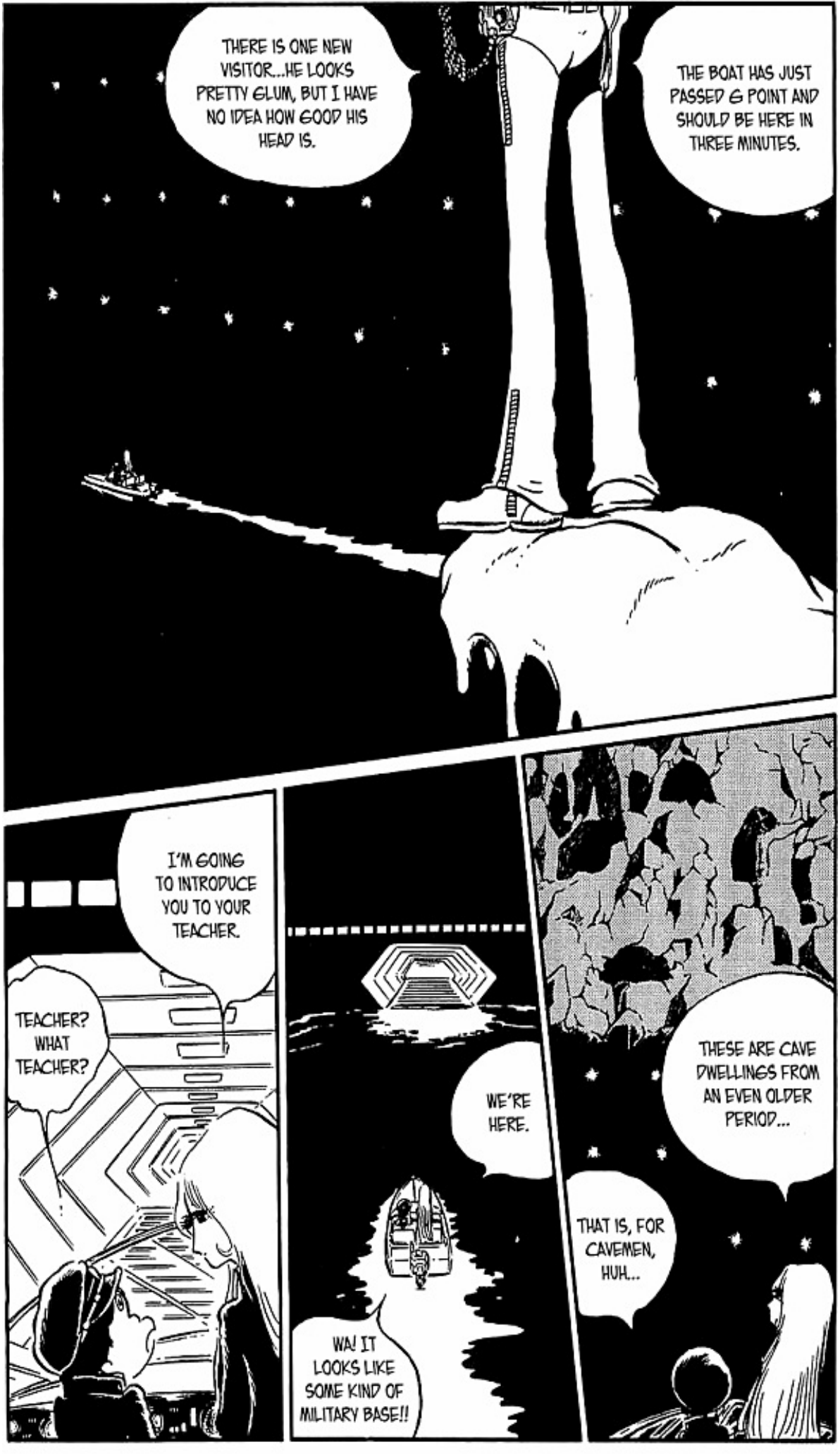


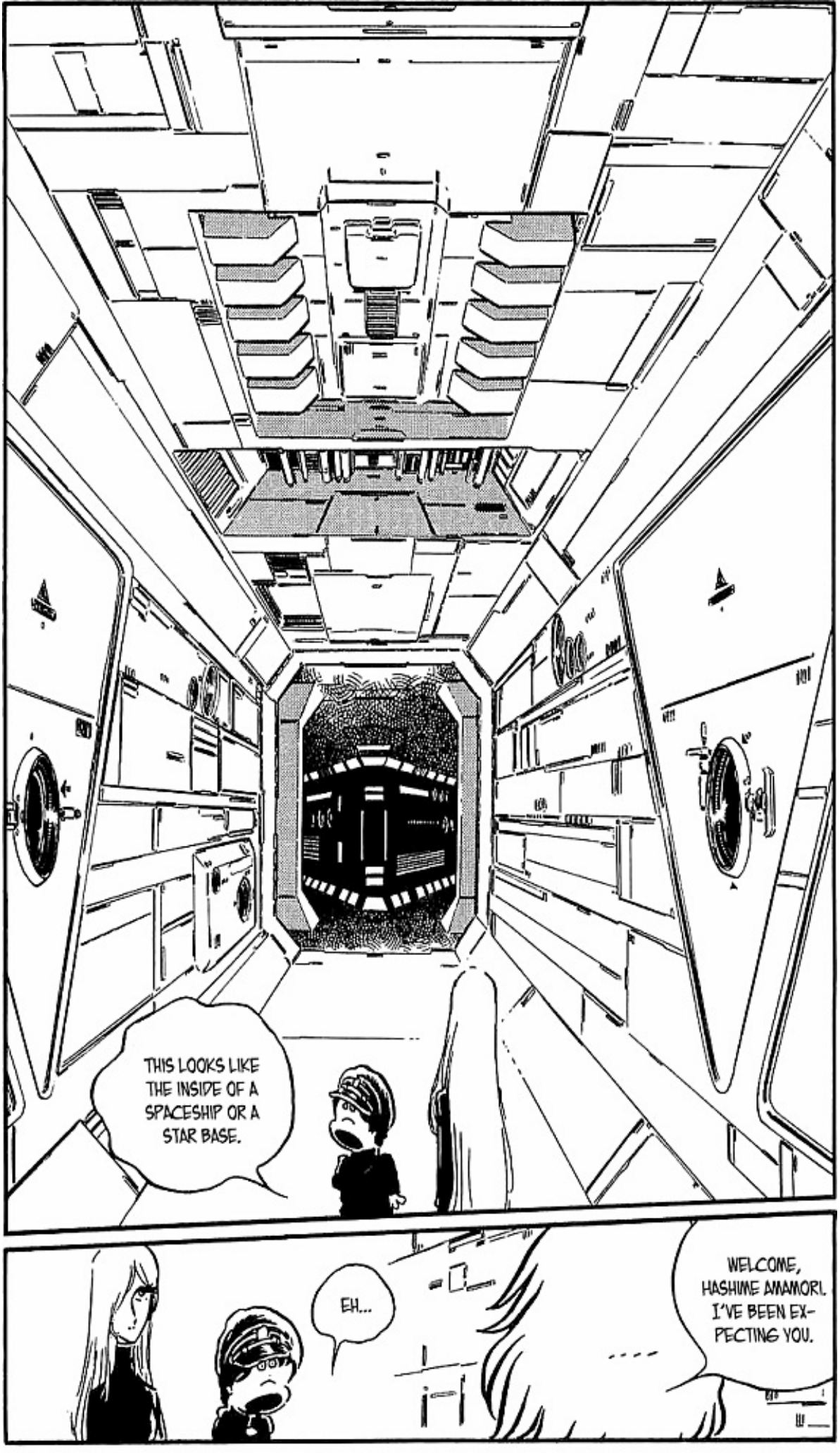
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE ENTRANCE. JUST TRY NOT TO FALL OUT.
WE'RE BEING SUCKED IN!!


WE'RE PICKING UP SPEED!!

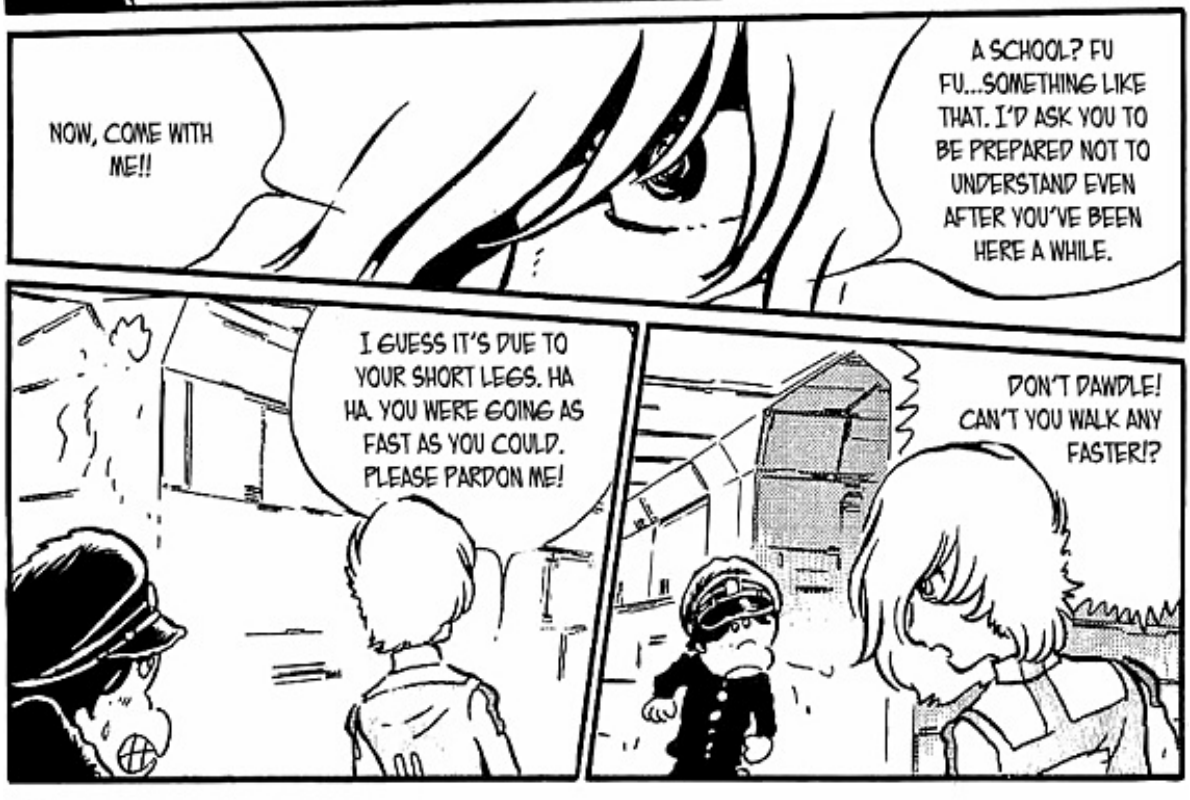

YAYOI, IT'S PITCH BLACK. I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.
YOUR EYES WILL ADJUST SOON. WE HAVE RADAR AS WELL, SO DON'T WORRY.
IS THIS THING... MAN-MADE...!?
THERE ARE LIGHTS ALONG THE CHANNEL!!

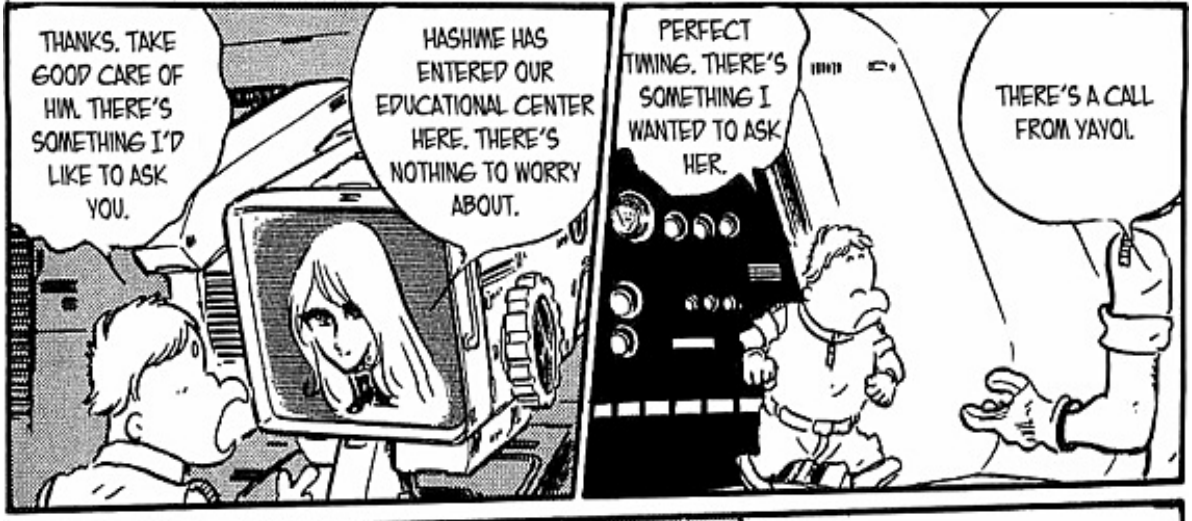
THERE'S A LINE OF HOUSES!!
A THOUSAND YEARS AGO WAS THE HEIAN PERIOD...
A THOUSAND YEARS AGO?
THEY ARE EMERGENCY SHELTERS FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.
HERE YOU'LL FIND MANY STRUCTURES FROM EACH THOUSAND YEAR PERIOD...
???
UH-HUH. THERE WAS A MANAGER LADY...
WHEN YOU WENT INTO THE CAVERN THE FIRST TIME, YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THE APARTMENT BUILDING.
HUH?
A BIT FURTHER IN ARE THE SHELTERS FROM A THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE THAT.

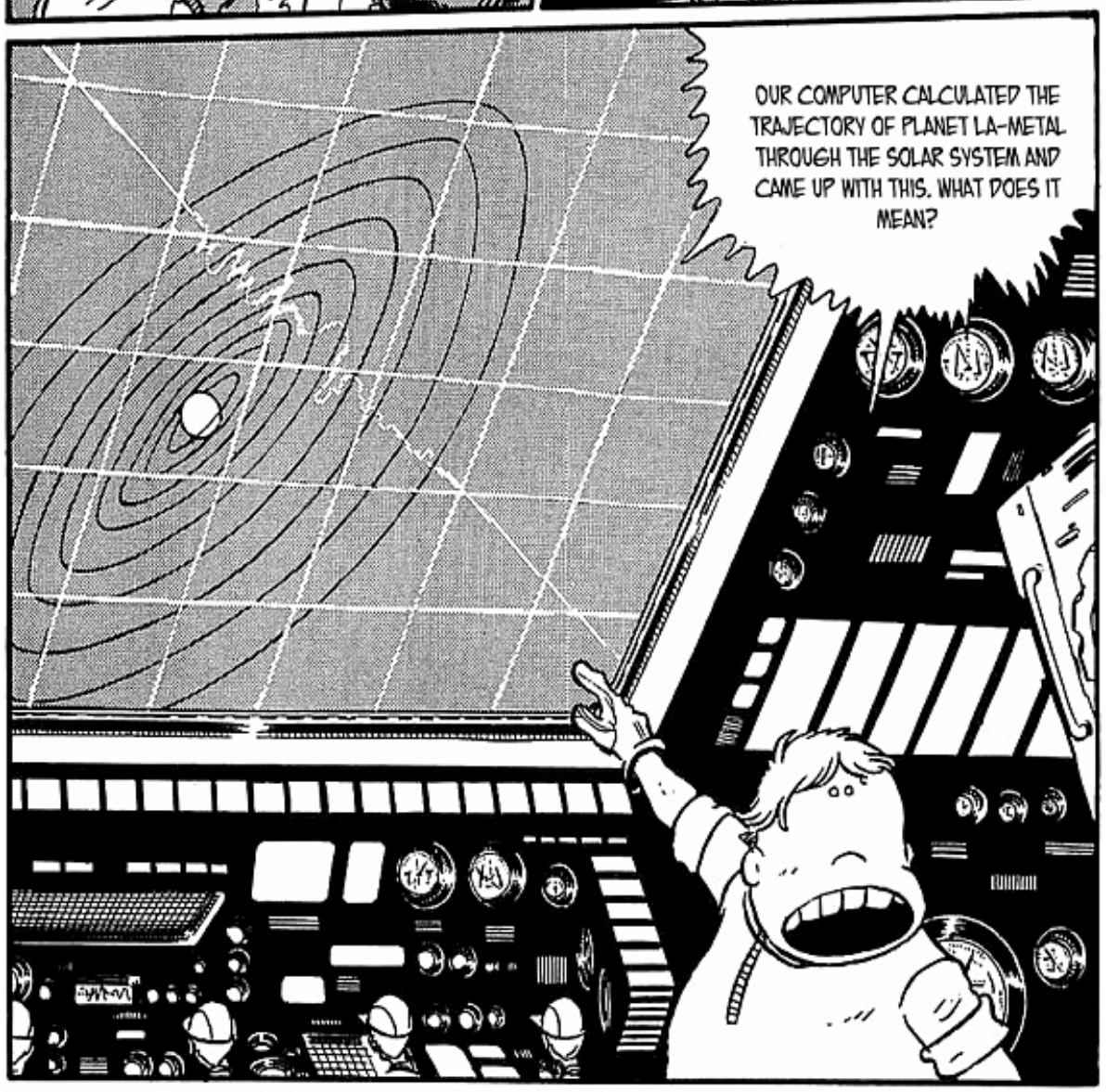

THERE IS ONE NEW VISITOR...HE LOOKS PRETTY GLUM, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW GOOD HIS HEAD IS.
THE BOAT HAS JUST PASSED 6 POINT AND SHOULD BE HERE IN THREE MINUTES.
I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO YOUR TEACHER.
TEACHER? WHAT TEACHER?
WE'RE HERE.
WA! IT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF MILITARY BASE!!
THESE ARE CAVE DWELLINGS FROM AN EVEN OLDER PERIOD...
THAT IS, FOR CAVEMEN, HUH...

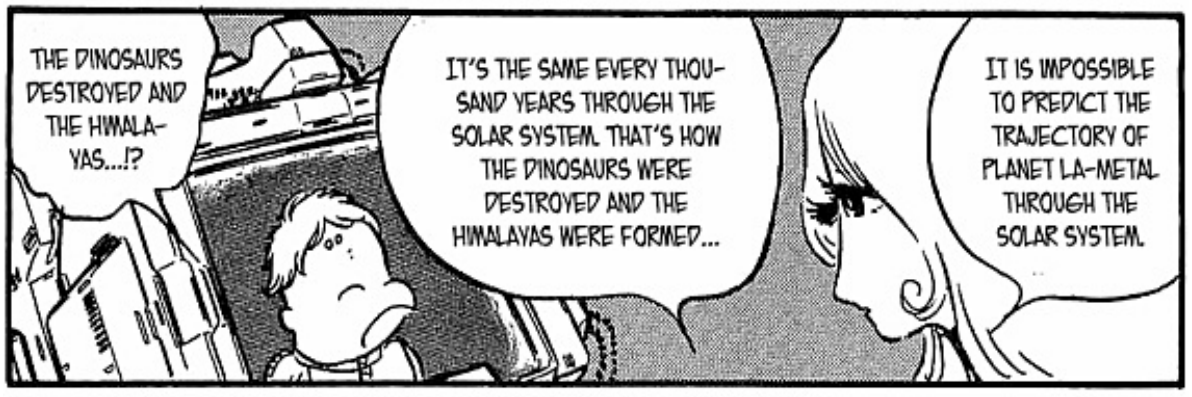

THIS LOOKS LIKE THE INSIDE OF A SPACESHIP OR A STAR BASE.
EH...
WELCOME, HASHIME AMAMORI. I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

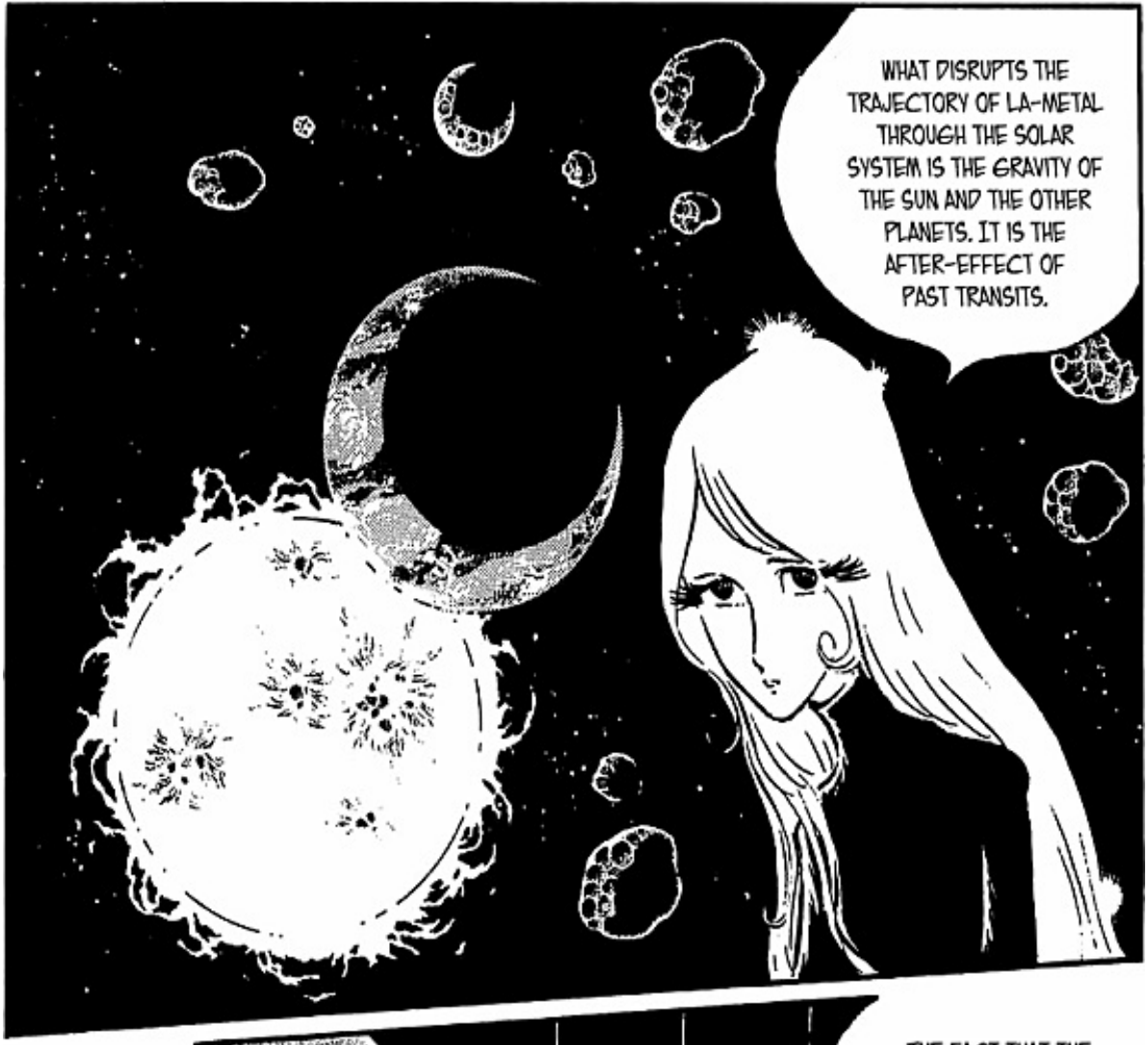
HASHIME DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING YET. I'LL LEAVE HIM YOUR HANDS.
I AM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE THE PHYSIQUE FOR SOMEONE GETTING HIS EDUCATION HERE.
EDUCATION? IS THIS PLACE A SCHOOL?

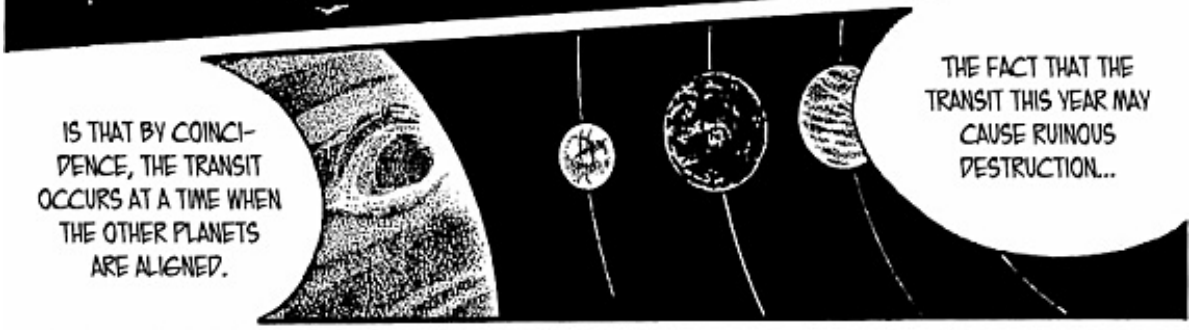

NOW, COME WITH ME!!
A SCHOOL? FU FU...SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I'D ASK YOU TO BE PREPARED NOT TO UNDERSTAND EVEN AFTER YOU'VE BEEN HERE A WHILE.
I GUESS IT'S DUE TO YOUR SHORT LEGS. HA HA. YOU WERE GOING AS FAST AS YOU COULD. PLEASE PARDON ME!
DON'T DAWDLE! CAN'T YOU WALK ANY FASTER!?

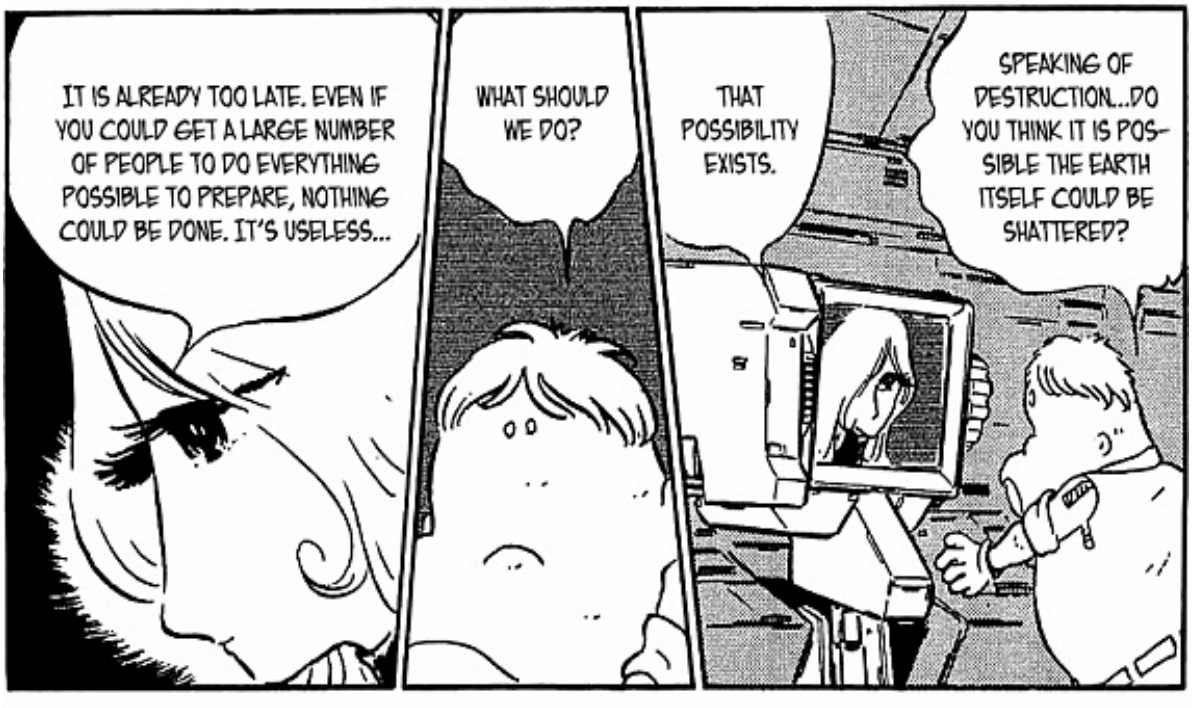

THANKS. TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM. THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU.
HASHIME HAS ENTERED OUR EDUCATIONAL CENTER HERE. THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
PERFECT TIMING. THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK HER.
THERE'S A CALL FROM YAYOI.

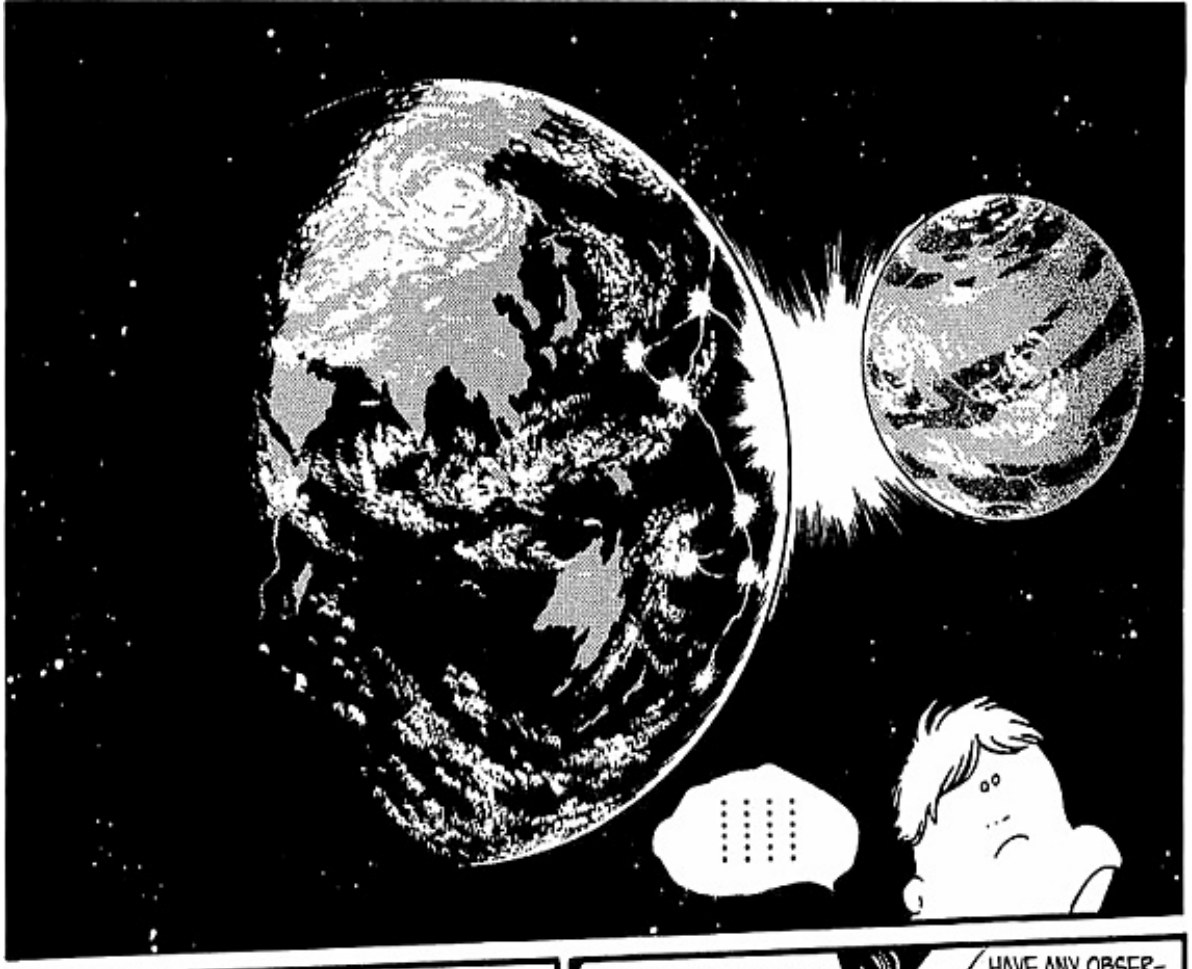

OUR COMPUTER CALCULATED THE TRAJECTORY OF PLANET LA-METAL THROUGH THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND CAME UP WITH THIS. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

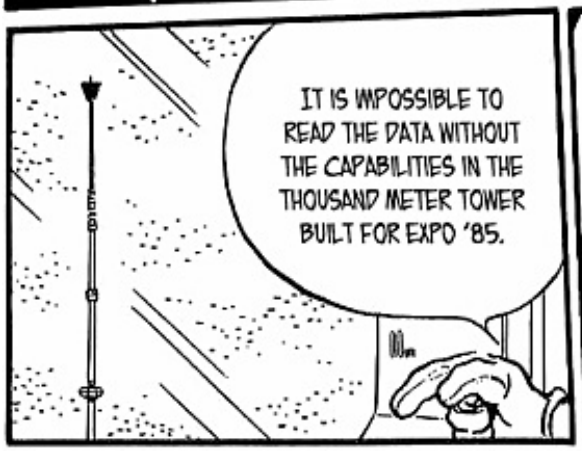

THE DINOSAURS DESTROYED AND THE HIMALAYAS...!?
IT'S THE SAME EVERY THOUSAND YEARS THROUGH THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THAT'S HOW THE DINOSAURS WERE DESTROYED AND THE HIMALAYAS WERE FORMED...
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE TRAJECTORY OF PLANET LA-METAL THROUGH THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

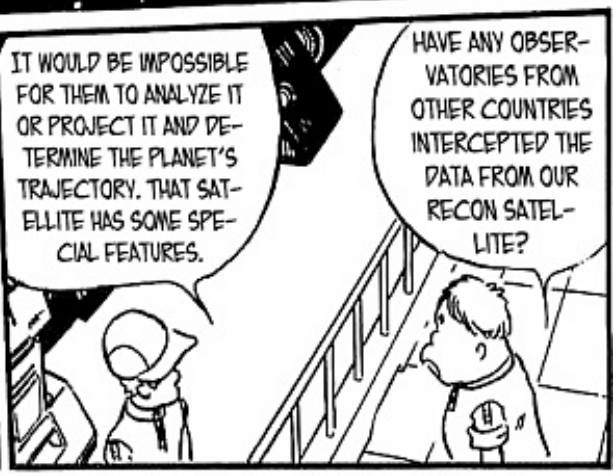

WHAT DISRUPTS THE TRAJECTORY OF LA-METAL THROUGH THE SOLAR SYSTEM IS THE GRAVITY OF THE SUN AND THE OTHER PLANETS. IT IS THE AFTER-EFFECT OF PAST TRANSITS.

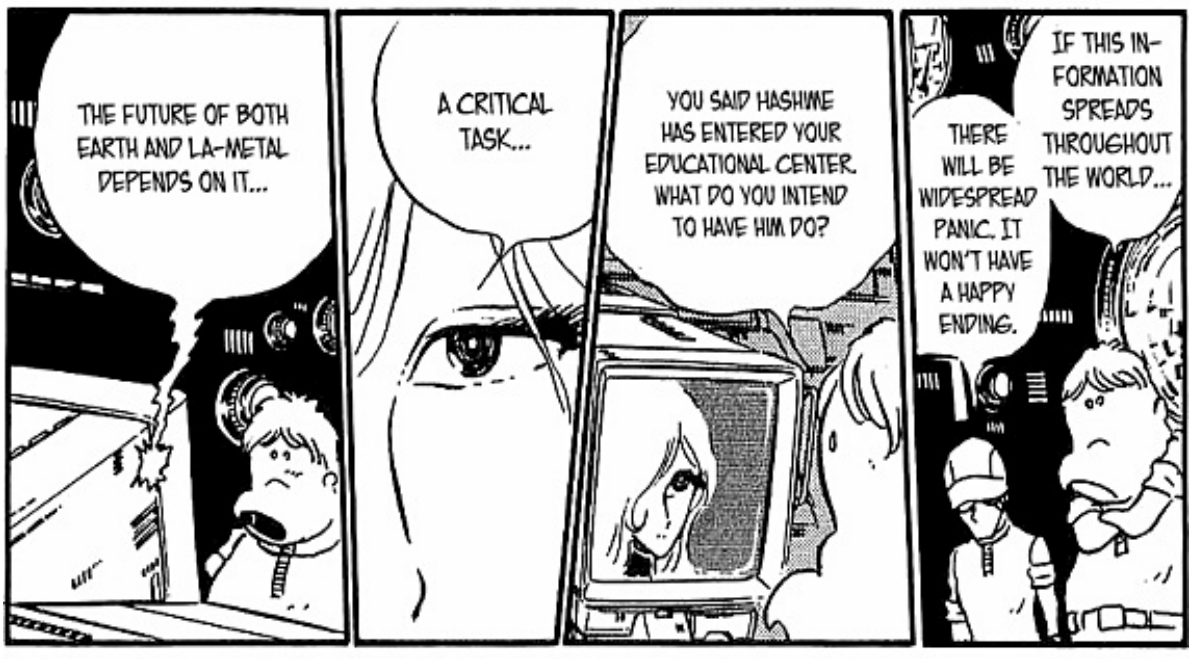

IS THAT BY COINCIDENCE, THE TRANSIT OCCURS AT A TIME WHEN THE OTHER PLANETS ARE ALIGNED.
THE FACT THAT THE TRANSIT THIS YEAR MAY CAUSE RUINOUS DESTRUCTION...

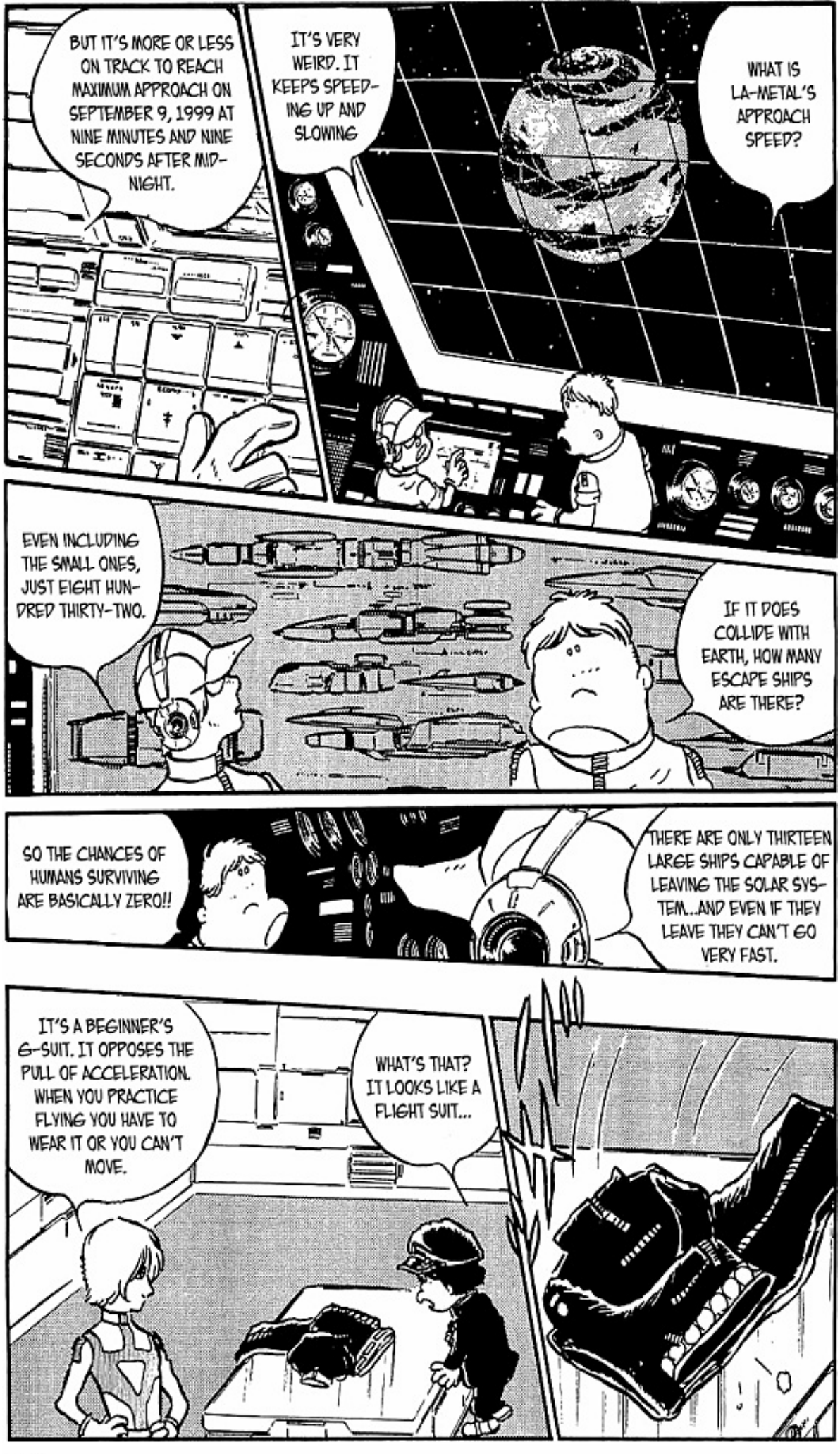

IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE. EVEN IF YOU COULD GET A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREPARE, NOTHING COULD BE DONE. IT'S USELESS...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS.
SPEAKING OF DESTRUCTION...DO YOU THINK IT IS POSSIBLE THE EARTH ITSELF COULD BE SHATTERED?

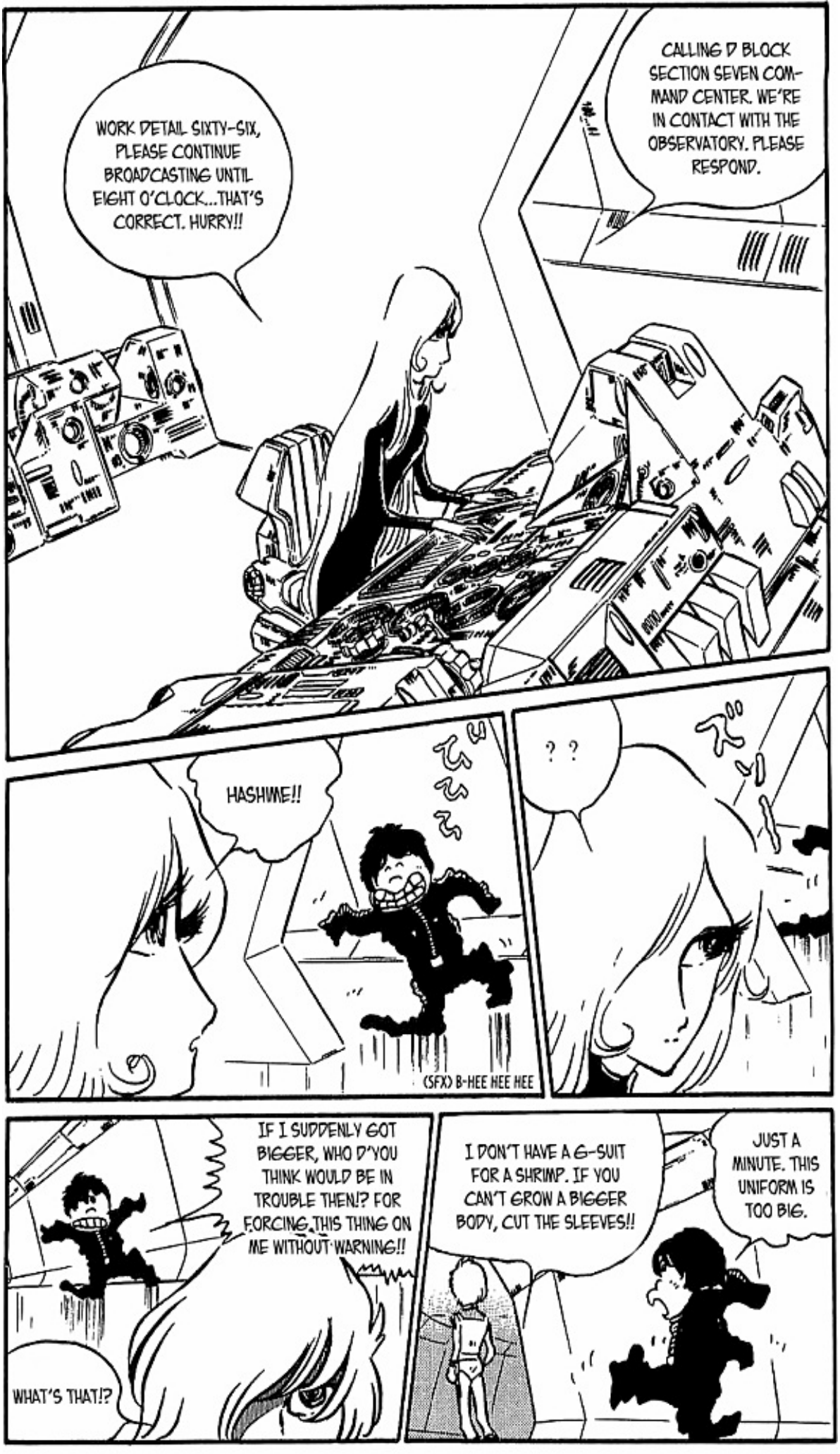


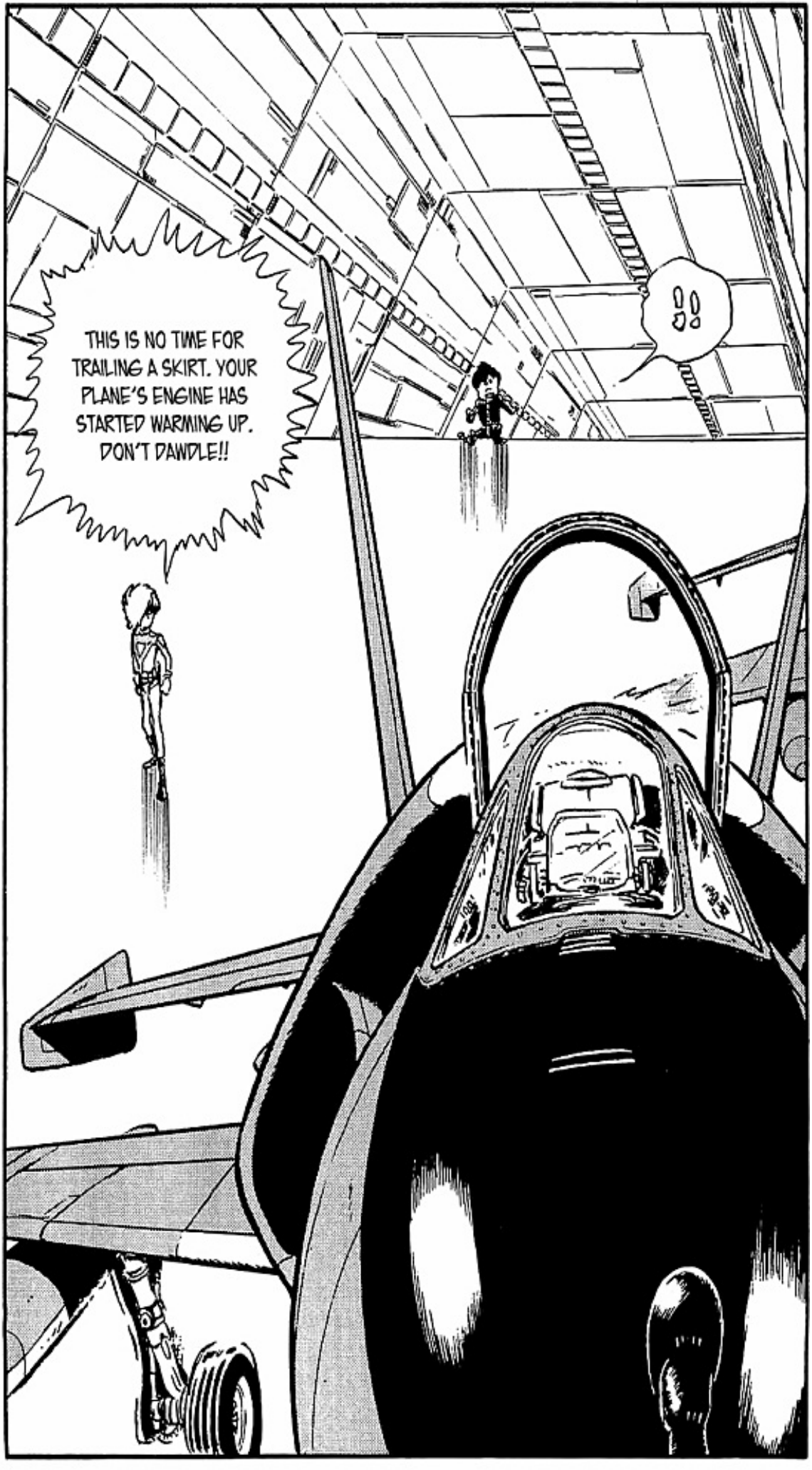

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO READ THE DATA WITHOUT THE CAPABILITIES IN THE THOUSAND METER TOWER BUILT FOR EXPO '85.
Um.


IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ANALYZE IT OR PROJECT IT AND DETERMINE THE PLANET'S TRAJECTORY. THAT SATELLITE HAS SOME SPECIAL FEATURES.
HAVE ANY OBSERVATORIES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES INTERCEPTED THE DATA FROM OUR RECON SATELLITE?

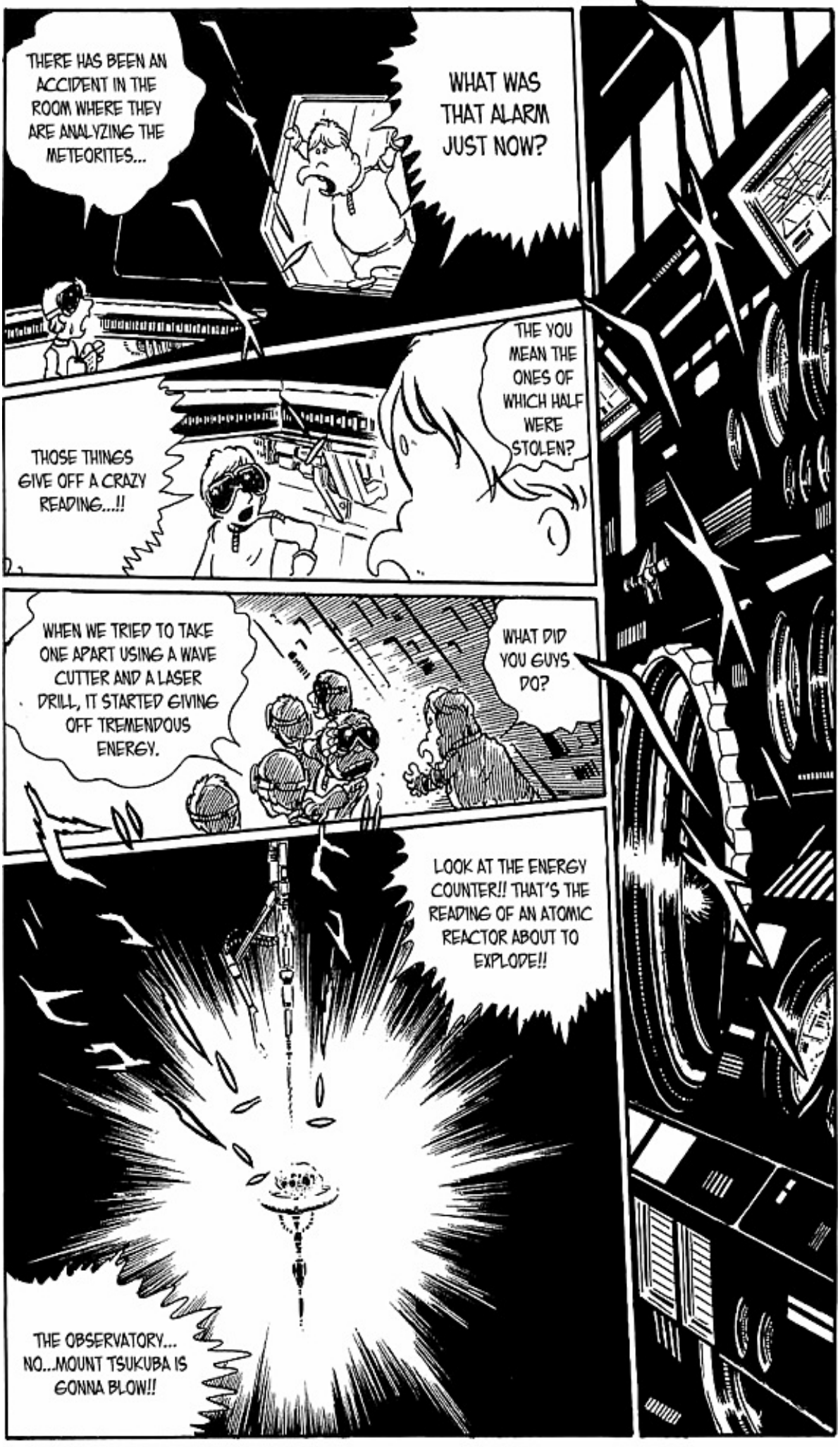

THE FUTURE OF BOTH EARTH AND LA-METAL DEPENDS ON IT...
A CRITICAL TASK...
YOU SAID HASHIME HAS ENTERED YOUR EDUCATIONAL CENTER. WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO HAVE HIM DO?
IF THIS INFORMATION SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...
THERE WILL BE WIDESPREAD PANIC. IT WON'T HAVE A HAPPY ENDING.

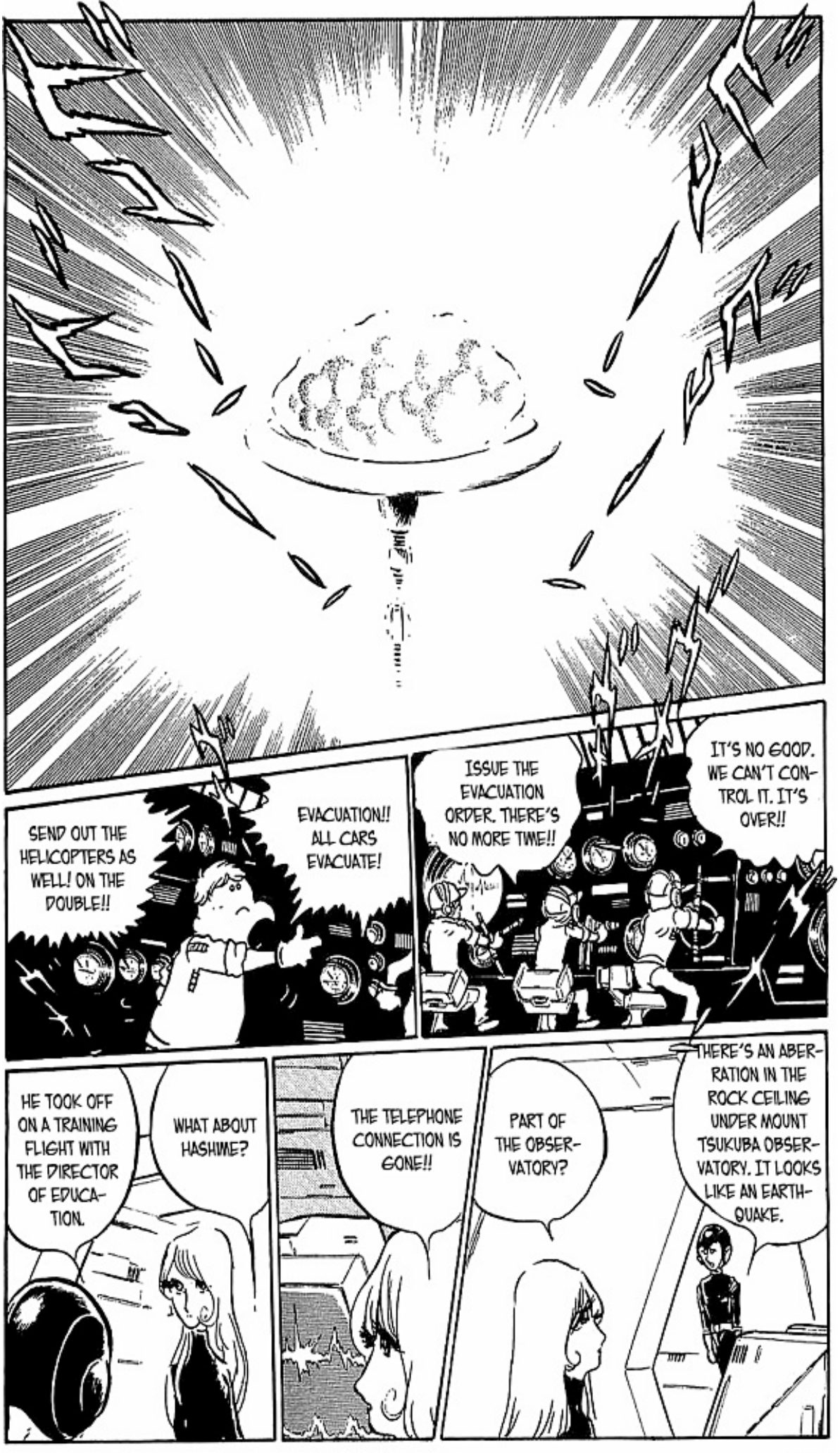

BUT IT'S MORE OR LESS ON TRACK TO REACH MAXIMUM APPROACH ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1999 AT NINE MINUTES AND NINE SECONDS AFTER MIDNIGHT.
IT'S VERY WEIRD. IT KEEPS SPEEDING UP AND SLOWING
WHAT IS LA-METAL'S APPROACH SPEED?
EVEN INCLUDING THE SMALL ONES, JUST EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO.
IF IT DOES COLLIDE WITH EARTH, HOW MANY ESCAPE SHIPS ARE THERE?
SO THE CHANCES OF HUMANS SURVIVING ARE BASICALLY ZERO!!
THERE ARE ONLY THIRTEEN LARGE SHIPS CAPABLE OF LEAVING THE SOLAR SYSTEM...AND EVEN IF THEY LEAVE THEY CAN'T GO VERY FAST.
IT'S A BEGINNER'S G-SUIT. IT OPPOSES THE PULL OF ACCELERATION. WHEN YOU PRACTICE FLYING YOU HAVE TO WEAR IT OR YOU CAN'T MOVE.
WHAT'S THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE A FLIGHT SUIT...

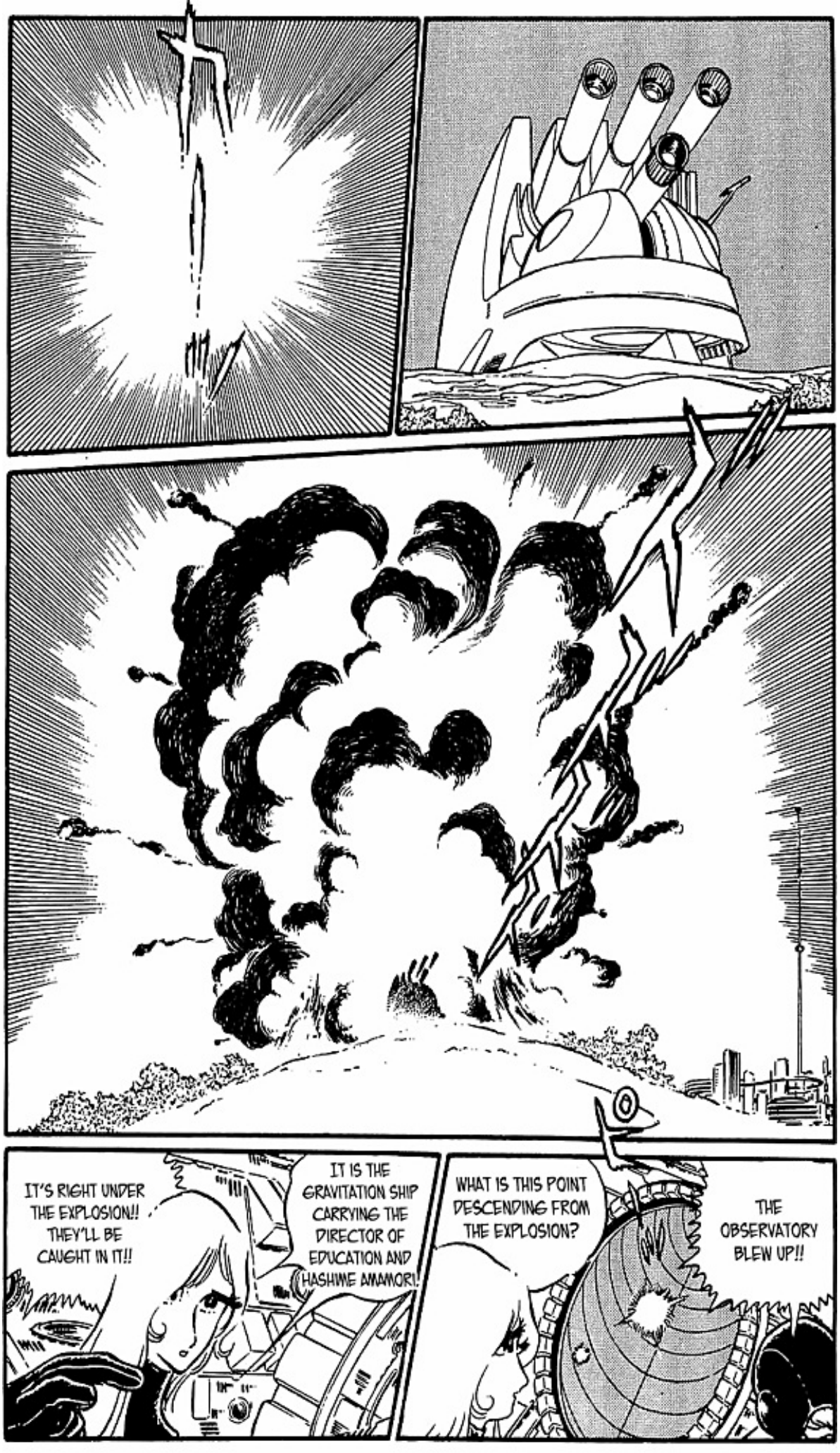

CALLING D BLOCK SECTION SEVEN COMMAND CENTER. WE'RE IN CONTACT WITH THE OBSERVATORY. PLEASE RESPOND.
WORK DETAIL SIXTY-SIX, PLEASE CONTINUE BROADCASTING UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK...THAT'S CORRECT. HURRY!!
HASHIME!!
(SFX) B-HEE HEE HEE
? ?
IF I SUDDENLY GOT BIGGER, WHO D'YOU THINK WOULD BE IN TROUBLE THEN!? FOR FORCING THIS THING ON ME WITHOUT WARNING!!
WHAT'S THAT!?
I DON'T HAVE A G-SUIT FOR A SHRIMP. IF YOU CAN'T GROW A BIGGER BODY, CUT THE SLEEVES!!
JUST A MINUTE. THIS UNIFORM IS TOO BIG.

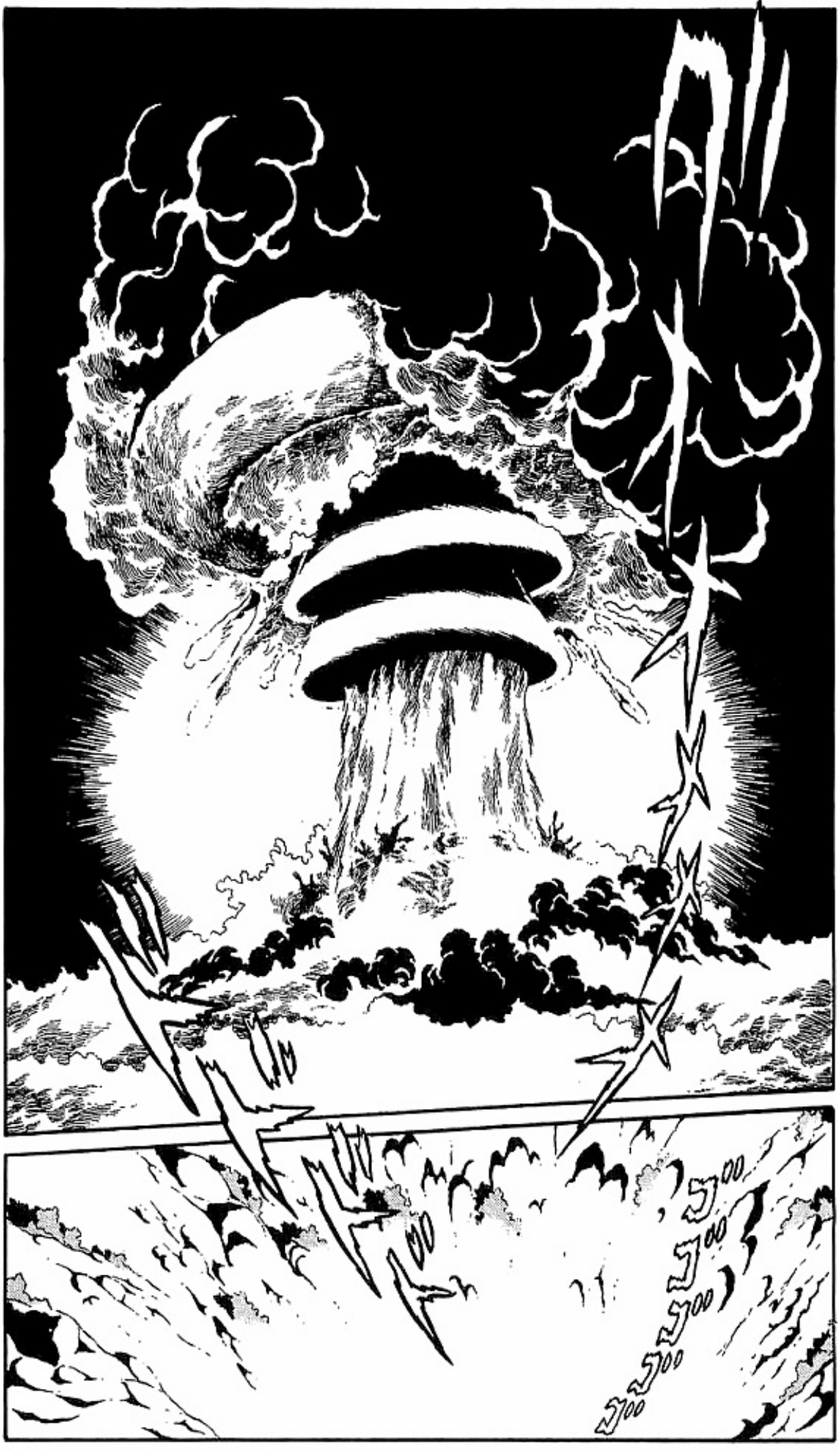

THIS IS NO TIME FOR TRAILING A SKIRT. YOUR PLANE'S ENGINE HAS STARTED WARMING UP. DON'T DAWDLE!!
!!

AHHH!~~
EH...THAT WAS...1982...!! IT ALREADY HAPPENED.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE PLANETS ALIGNED?
WH- WHAT IS IT, PROFESSOR?
AH HA HA HA HA HA!!
SO YAYOI YUKINO WAS WRONG ABOUT A PLANETARY ALIGNMENT IN 1999?
IN 1999 THERE'S THAT LEGEND ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS PHE-NOMENON CALLED "SATAN CROSS" OR SOMETHING.
INDEED. THE PLANETARY ALIGNMENT WAS IN 1982.
COERCED ALIGN-MENT?
THIS IS A COERCED ALIGNMENT CAUSED BY LA-METAL...THAT'S WHY I WARNED YOU, PROFESSOR.
BUT THAT WAS AN ALIGNMENT CAUSED BY THE NATURAL FORCES OF THE SOLAR SYS-TEM...THE ALIGNMENT IN 1999 IS DIFFERENT.


THERE HAS BEEN AN ACCIDENT IN THE ROOM WHERE THEY ARE ANALYZING THE METEORITES...
WHAT WAS THAT ALARM JUST NOW?
THE YOU MEAN THE ONES OF WHICH HALF WERE STOLEN?
THOSE THINGS GIVE OFF A CRAZY READING...!!
WHEN WE TRIED TO TAKE ONE APART USING A WAVE CUTTER AND A LASER DRILL, IT STARTED GIVING OFF TREMENDOUS ENERGY.
WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO?
LOOK AT THE ENERGY COUNTER!! THAT'S THE READING OF AN ATOMIC REACTOR ABOUT TO EXPLODE!!
THE OBSERVATORY... NO...MOUNT TSUKUBA IS GONNA BLOW!!


SEND OUT THE HELICOPTERS AS WELL! ON THE DOUBLE!!
EVACUATION!! ALL CARS EVACUATE!
ISSUE THE EVACUATION ORDER. THERE'S NO MORE TIME!!
IT'S NO GOOD. WE CAN'T CONTROL IT. IT'S OVER!!
HE TOOK OFF ON A TRAINING FLIGHT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.
WHAT ABOUT HASHIME?
THE TELEPHONE CONNECTION IS GONE!!
PART OF THE OBSERVATORY?
THERE'S AN ABERRATION IN THE ROCK CEILING UNDER MOUNT TSUKUBA OBSERVATORY. IT LOOKS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE.


IT'S RIGHT UNDER THE EXPLOSION!! THEY'LL BE CAUGHT IN IT!!
IT IS THE GRAVITATION SHIP CARRYING THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND HASHIME AMAMORI!
WHAT IS THIS POINT DESCENDING FROM THE EXPLOSION?
THE OBSERVATORY BLEW UP!!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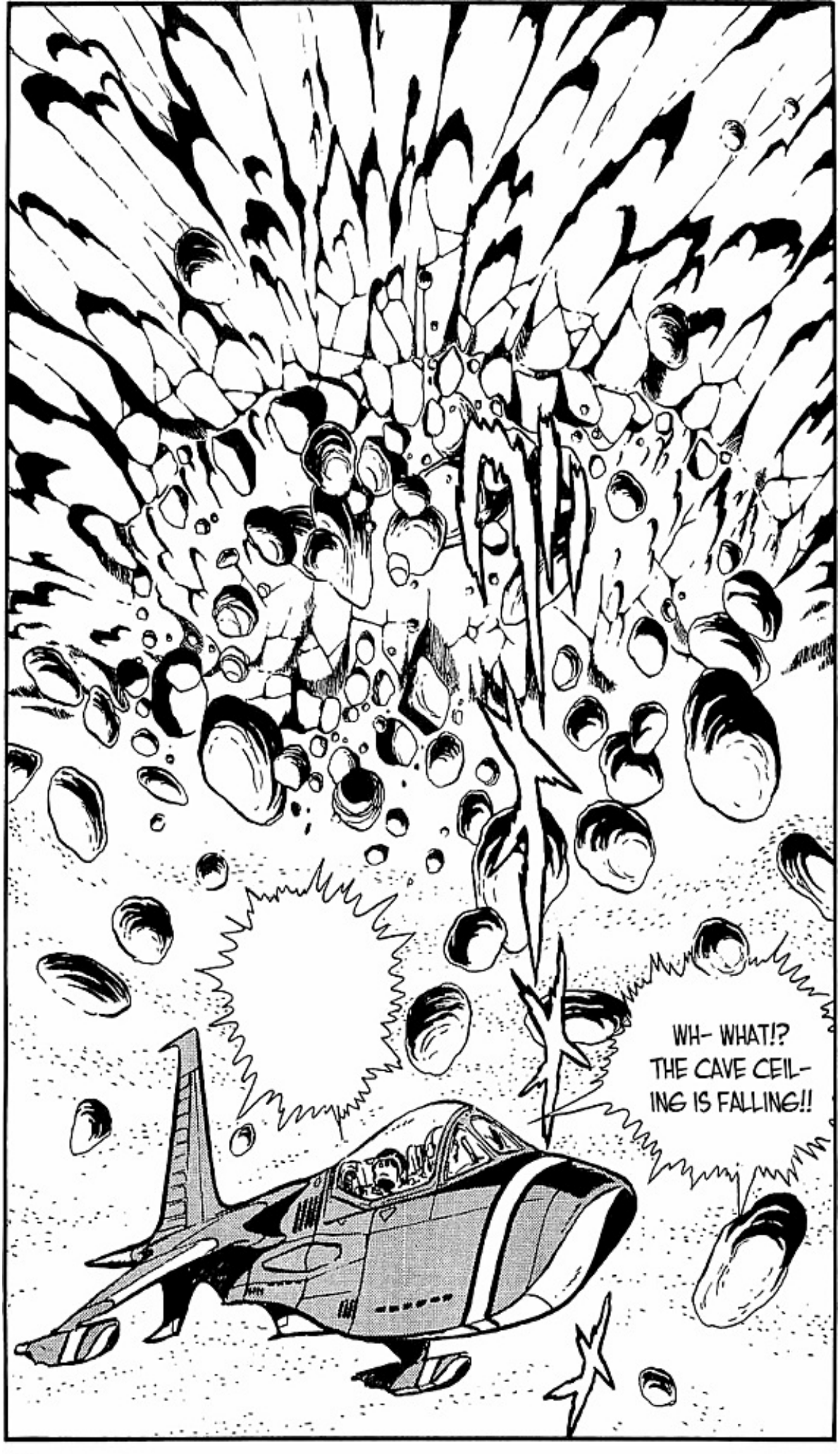
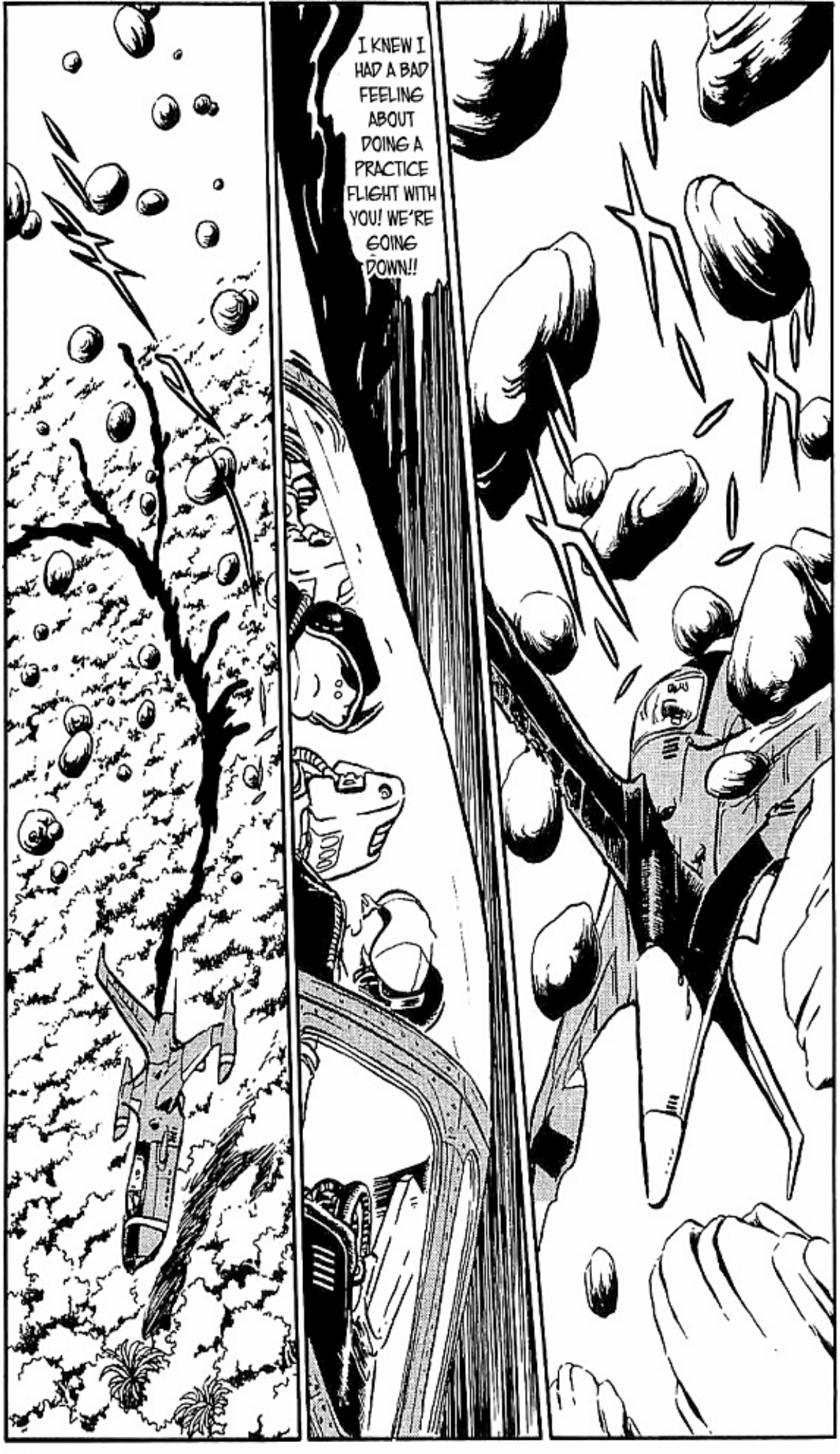
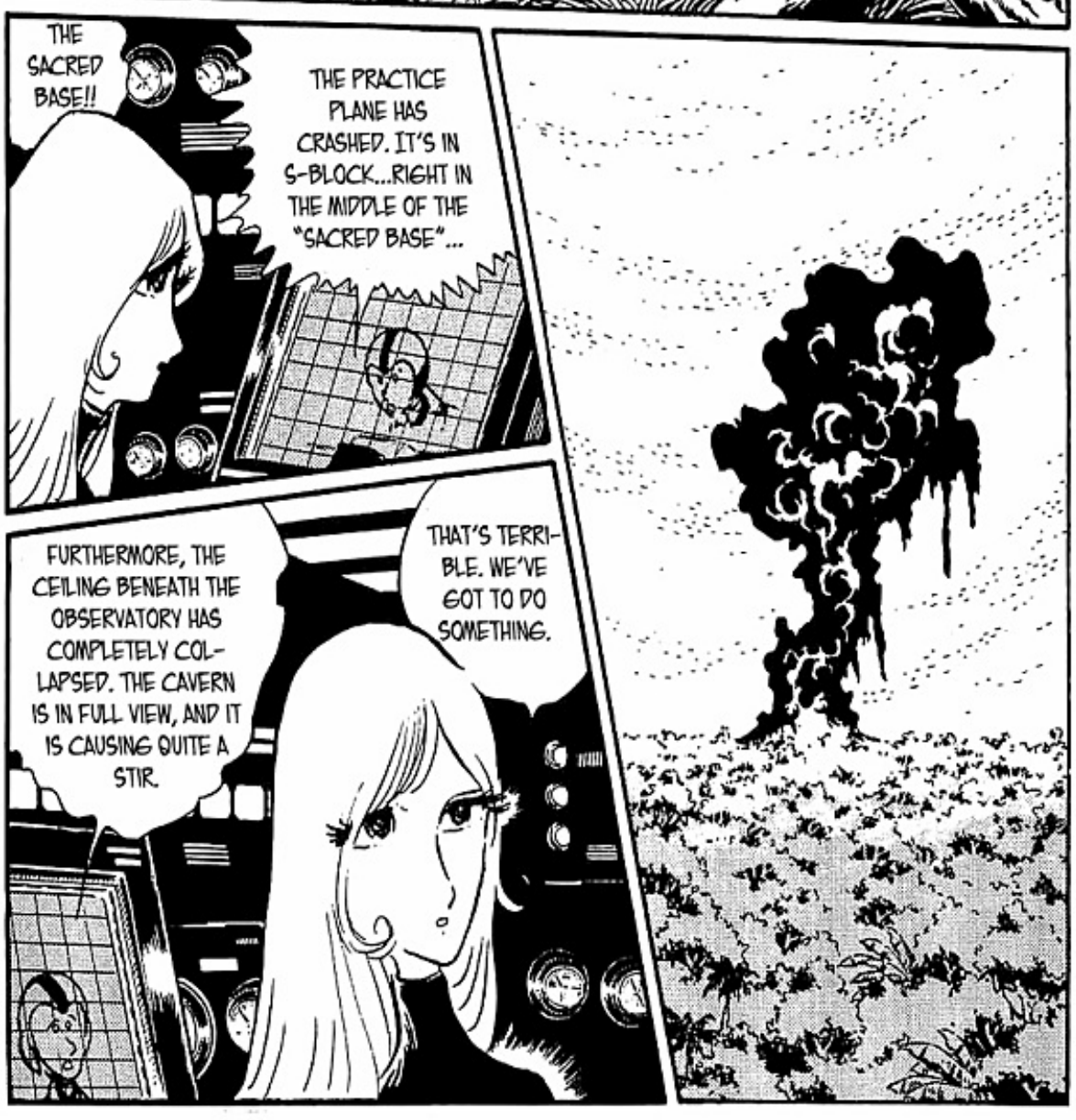
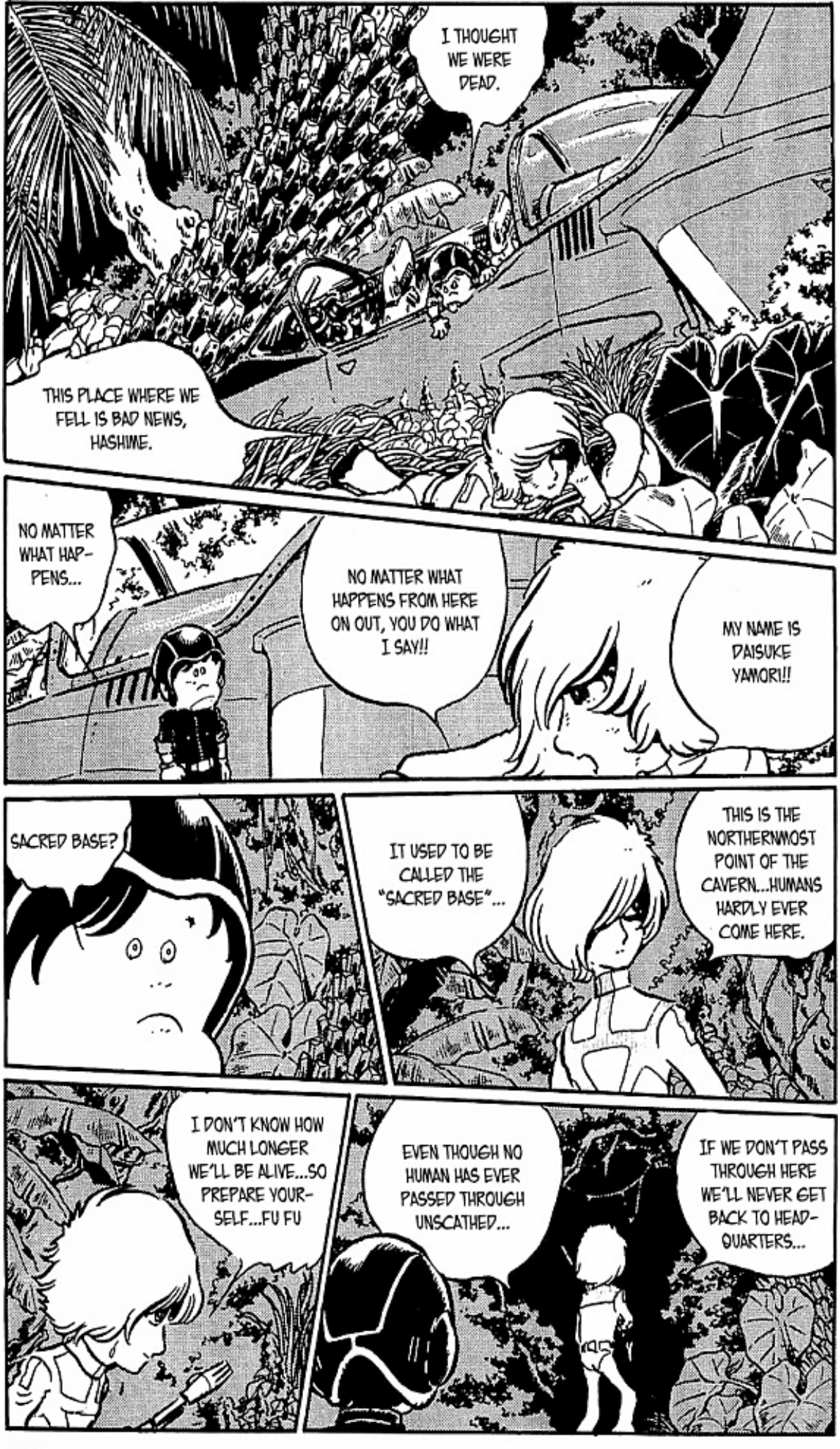
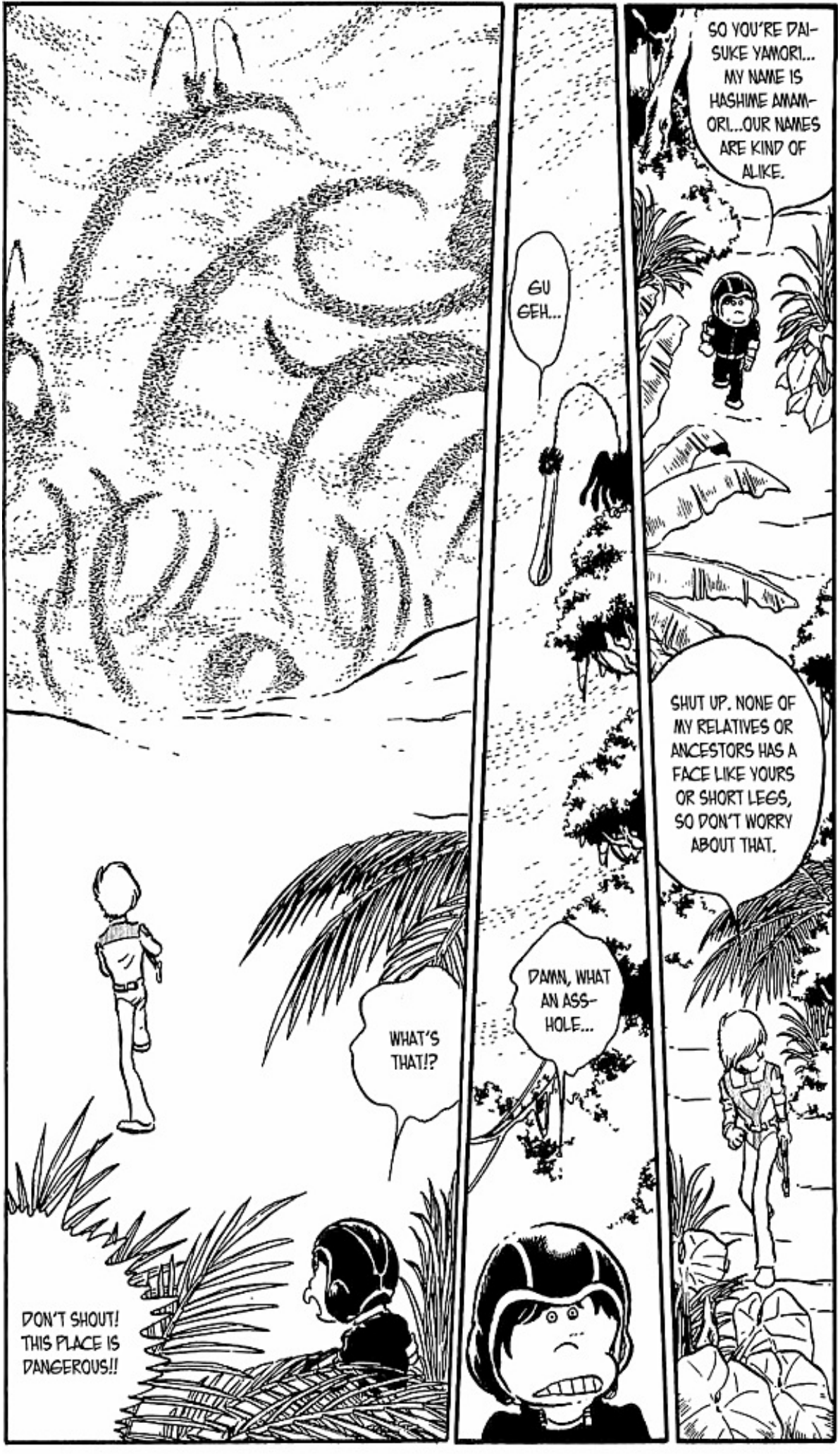

WH- WHAT!?
THE CAVE CEIL-
ING IS FALLING!!

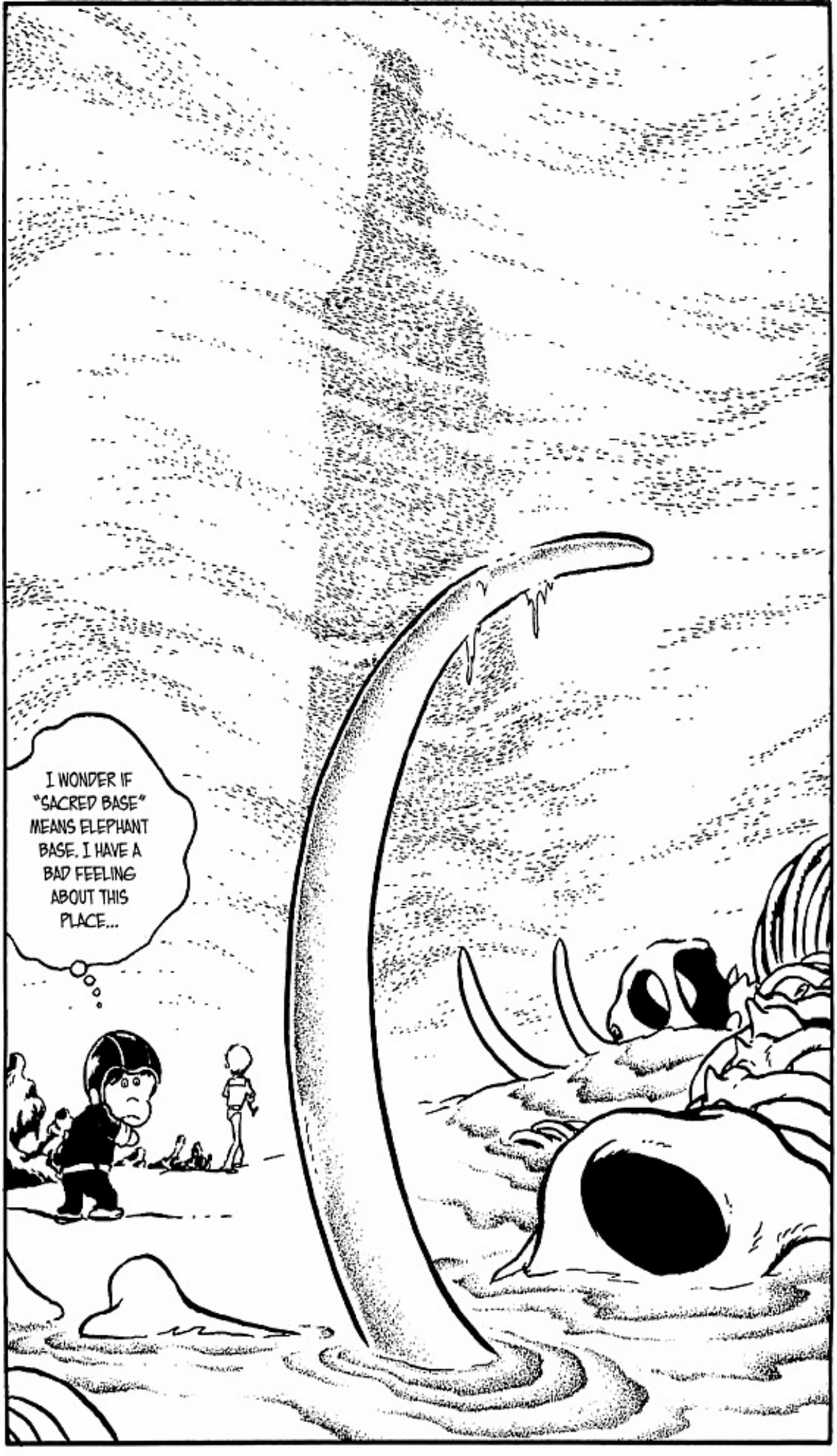

I KNEW I HAD A BAD FEELING ABOUT DOING A PRACTICE FLIGHT WITH YOU! WE'RE GOING DOWN!!

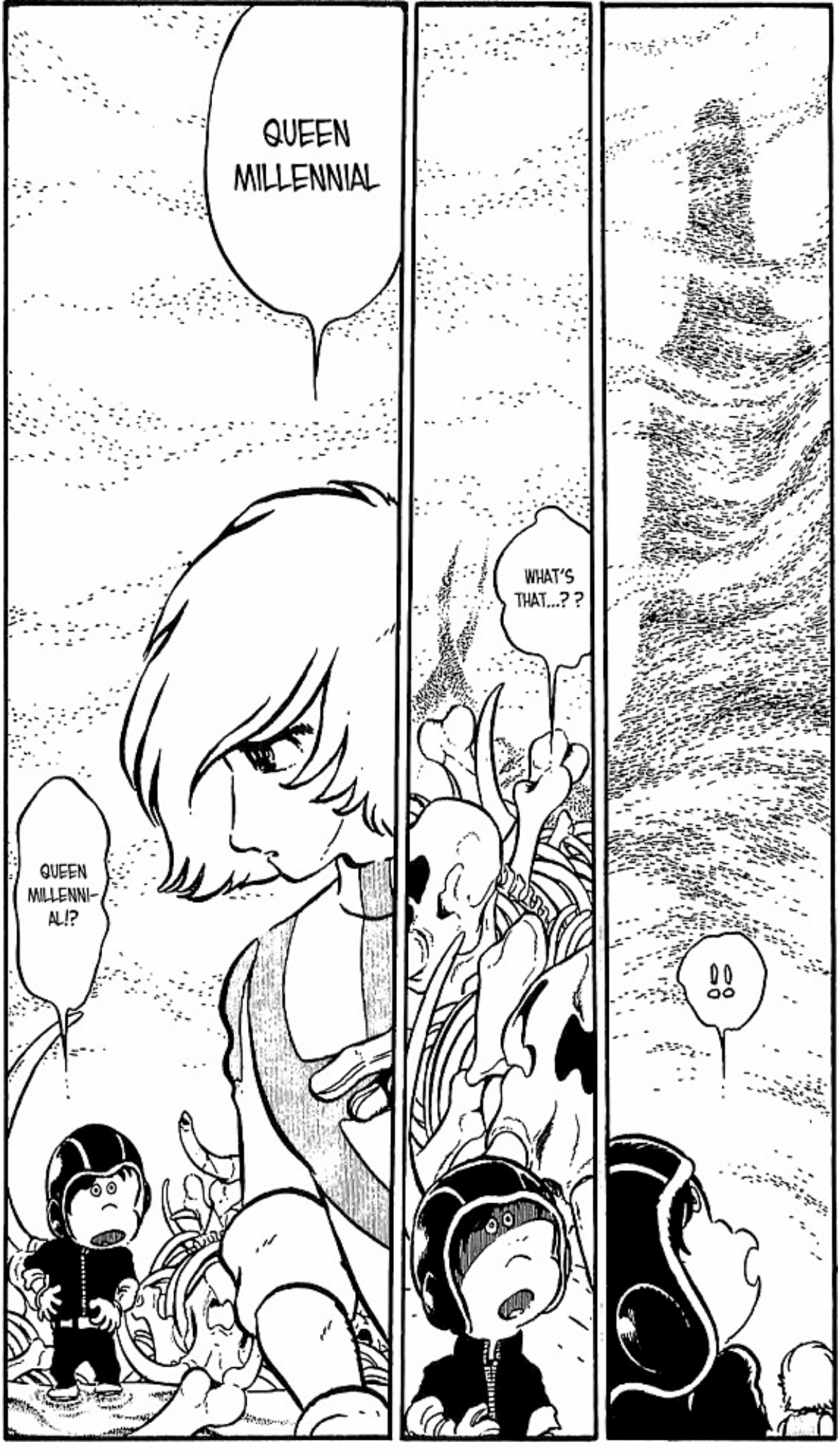

THE SACRED BASE!!
THE PRACTICE PLANE HAS CRASHED. IT'S IN S-BLOCK...RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE "SACRED BASE"...
THAT'S TERRIBLE. WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING.
FURTHERMORE, THE CEILING BENEATH THE OBSERVATORY HAS COMPLETELY COLLAPSED. THE CAVERN IS IN FULL VIEW, AND IT IS CAUSING QUITE A STIR.

LEVEL THREE ALERT!! CLOSE ALL BLOCK DOORS!!
RECALL ALL PERSONNEL WHO ARE OUTSIDE!! INVASION FROM ABOVE GROUND IS COMMENCING!!
HOW GOES THE RESCUE OF HASHIME?
WE'RE SHORT ON MANPOWER AT THE MOMENT. SEND AN ANDROID.
THE CAPABILITY OF THE REMAINING ANDROID IS...
I KNOW THAT...I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO HARDEN MY HEART...


I THOUGHT WE WERE DEAD.
THIS PLACE WHERE WE FELL IS BAD NEWS, HASHIME.
NO MATTER WHAT HAP-PENS...
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS FROM HERE ON OUT, YOU DO WHAT I SAY!!
MY NAME IS DAISUKE YAMORI!!
SACRED BASE?
IT USED TO BE CALLED THE "SACRED BASE"...
THIS IS THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF THE CAVERN...HUMANS HARDLY EVER COME HERE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER WE'LL BE ALIVE...SO PREPARE YOUR-SELF...FU FU
EVEN THOUGH NO HUMAN HAS EVER PASSED THROUGH UNSCATHED...
IF WE DON'T PASS THROUGH HERE WE'LL NEVER GET BACK TO HEAD-QUARTERS...


SO YOU'RE DAI-SUKE YAMORI... MY NAME IS HASHIME AMAM-ORI...OUR NAMES ARE KIND OF ALIKE.
GU GEH...
SHUT UP. NONE OF MY RELATIVES OR ANCESTORS HAS A FACE LIKE YOURS OR SHORT LEGS, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
DAMN, WHAT AN ASS-HOLE...
WHAT'S THAT!?
DON'T SHOUT! THIS PLACE IS DANGEROUS!!


I WONDER IF "SACRED BASE" MEANS ELEPHANT BASE. I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS PLACE...


QUEEN MILLENNIAL
QUEEN MILLENNI-AL!?
WHAT'S THAT...??
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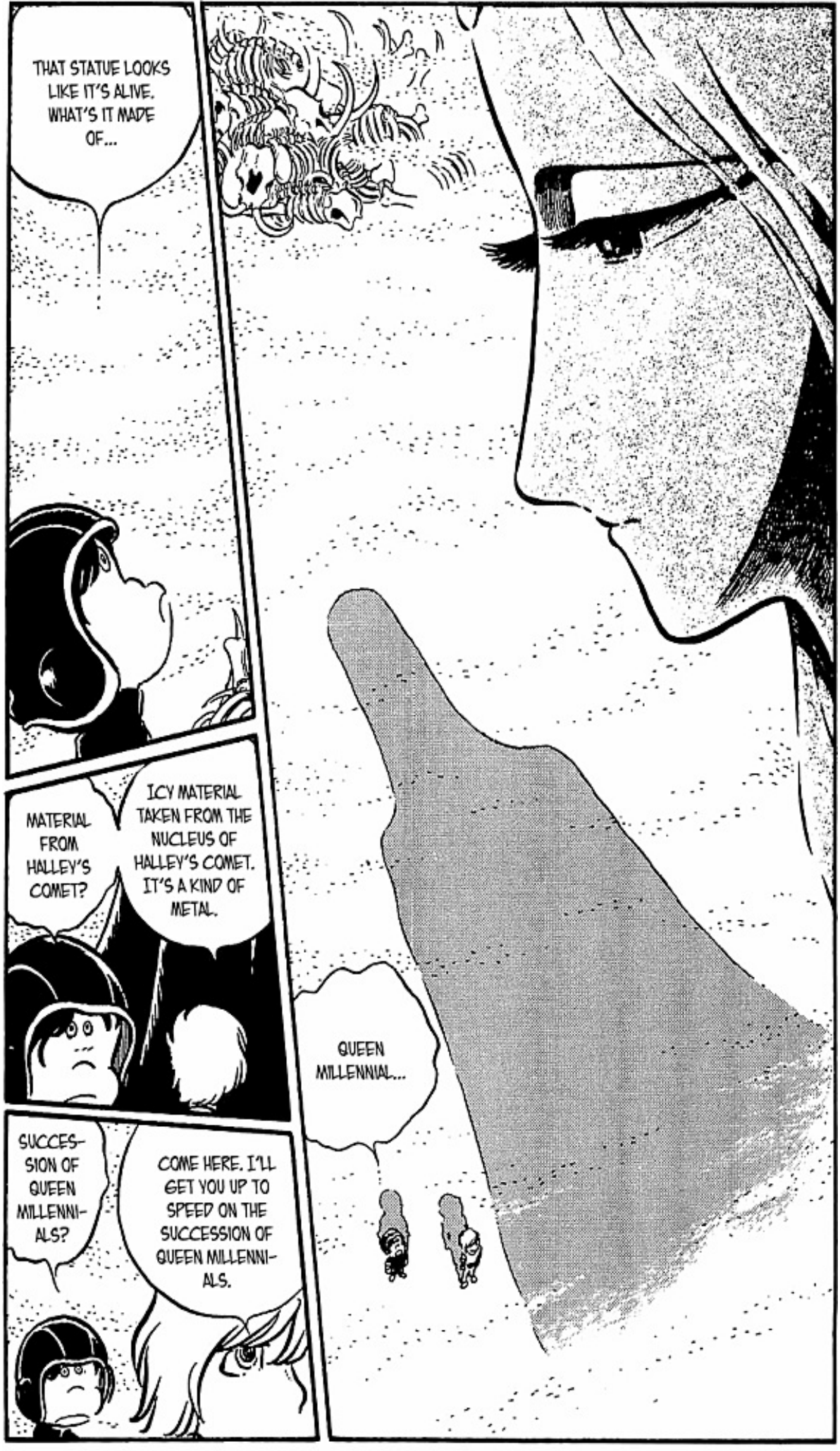
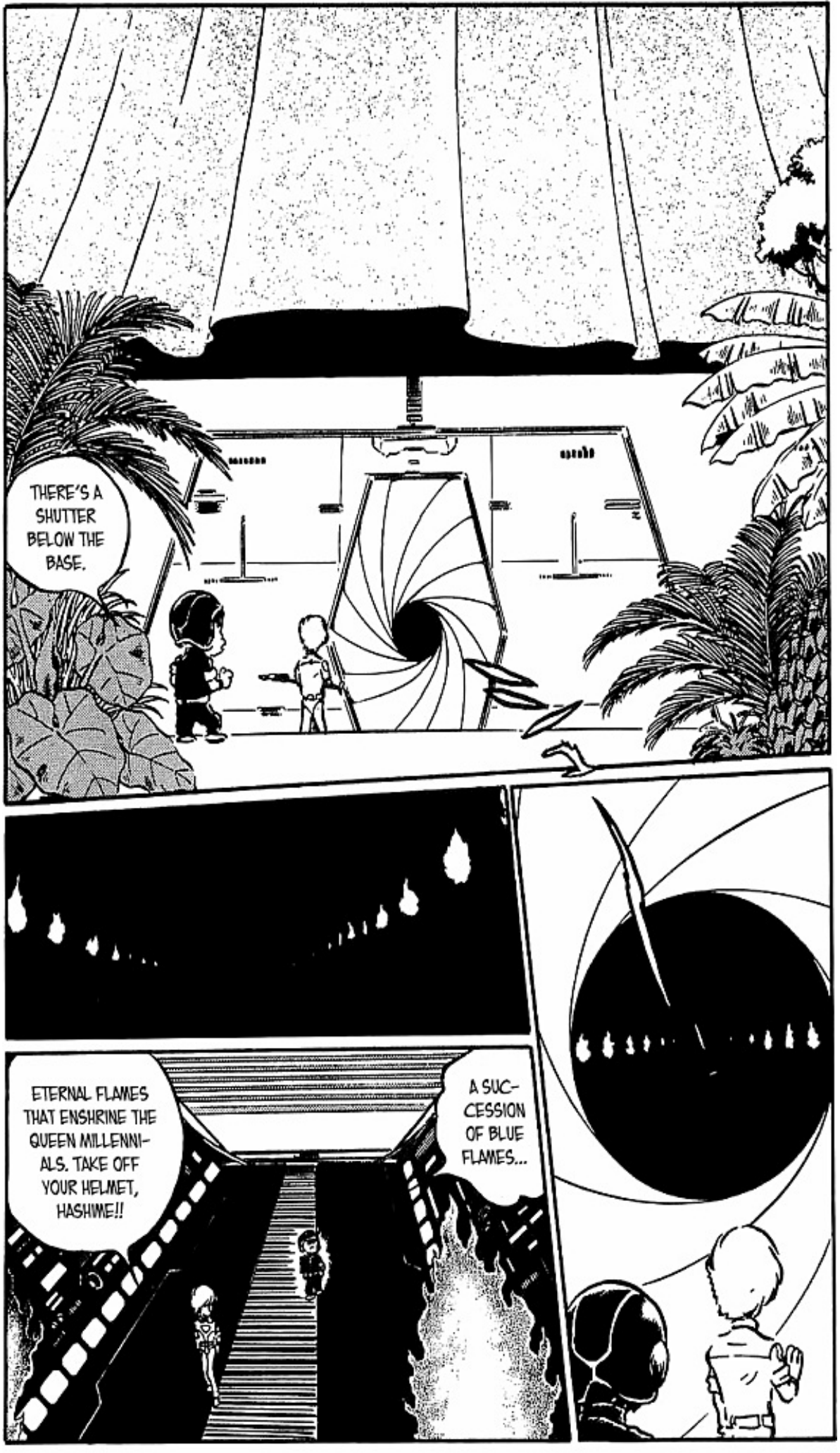

THAT STATUE LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALIVE. WHAT'S IT MADE OF...
MATERIAL FROM HALLEY'S COMET?
ICY MATERIAL TAKEN FROM THE NUCLEUS OF HALLEY'S COMET. IT'S A KIND OF METAL.
QUEEN MILLENNIAL...
SUCCES-SION OF QUEEN MILLENNI-ALS?
COME HERE. I'LL GET YOU UP TO SPEED ON THE SUCCESSION OF QUEEN MILLENNI-ALS.


THERE'S A SHUTTER BELOW THE BASE.
ETERNAL FLAMES THAT ENSHRINE THE QUEEN MILLENNIALS. TAKE OFF YOUR HELMET, HASHIME!!
A SUCCESSION OF BLUE FLAMES...